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2023 State
Masonic Public
School Essay
Contest



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Essay Contest

Essay Topic

The Society or Fraternity of Freemasons is at its core a system of morality taught by symbols, allegories, and lectures grounded in fundamental principles such as brotherly love, relief, and truth. Despite the fast-paced environment in which students live and today's preference for less face-to-face connection, interpersonal relationships are important to one's overall mental health and stability.

If you were to start an organization or network to help foster interpersonal relationships and connectivity, what principles would you incorporate and why?

Be sure to properly document any research supporting your conclusions.

CONTEST RULES: To download a fillable PDF, go to www.kansasmasonic.foundation/program/kansas-masonic-foundation-scholarships

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Any Junior or Senior attending a Kansas tax-supported public high school is eligible.
2. Contact any Kansas Masonic Lodge, Kansas Mason, or your counselor for information.
3. Essays will be judged on originality, research, and development of the topic.
4. Contestant **must follow contest rules** as to topic, number of words, etc.

RULES

5. Essays shall be limited to a **minimum of 300** and a **maximum of 500 words**.
6. Essays must be **typewritten, double spaced**, with work cited, on standard **8 1/2" x 11" paper with a 12 point Arial font**.
7. The **original and one copy** of the essay must be submitted to the Local Lodge.
8. Essays **MUST** have a typed title page (download a fillable PDF from www.kansasmasonic.foundation/program/kansas-masonic-foundation-scholarships) that will show the student's name, gender, complete address, Junior or Senior Class, and School name.

This information shall appear **only on the title page**.

All pages, except the title page, must be numbered.

NO REFERENCE TO THE STUDENT'S NAME, TOWN, SCHOOL, OR OTHER COMMUNITY IDENTIFIER SHOULD APPEAR ANYWHERE IN THE BODY OF THE ESSAY.

9. All essays become the property of the Local Masonic Lodge and may be published without the author's permission.

TIMELINE

10. Essays must be submitted to the Local Lodge on or before **November 1, 2023**.
11. The winning essay(s) from a Local Lodge (one per high school in the Lodge's area) will be sent to the Grand Lodge and must be postmarked no later than **December 1, 2023**.
12. There are no contest entry forms. **Essays are to be presented to the Local Lodge.**
13. Essays must first win the Local Lodge competition before they can be submitted for State competition.
14. Grand Lodge essay winners will be notified prior to March 1, 2024.

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PRIZES

1st place: **\$4,000**

2nd place: **\$3,000**

3rd place: **\$2,000**

4th place: **\$1,000**

HONORABLE MENTION
4 WILL BE CHOSEN: \$500 EACH

2022 LIST OF WINNERS

1st Place (\$4,000)

Hannah Eikenberry – Senior, Hays High School
Hays Masonic Lodge No. 195

2nd Place (\$3,000)

Gunnar Ball – Senior, Perry-Lecompton High School
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3rd Place (\$2,000)

Harper Howze – Senior, Sumner Academy
Wyandotte Masonic Lodge No. 3

4th Place (\$1,000)

Karly Kill – Senior, West Elk High School
Hope Masonic Lodge No. 155

Honorable Mention (\$500)

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