

2024 STATE MASONIC PUBLIC SCHOOL
ESSAY CONTEST



KANSAS MASONIC FOUNDATION
Helping Kansans and Kansas Communities

\$12,000 **AWARDED
TO JUNIORS
& SENIORS**

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DEAR HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER'S & COUNSELORS:

I am writing today about a wonderful financial scholarship opportunity for all Juniors and Seniors attending a High School in Kansas.


The 2024 State Masonic Public School Essay Contest has been in existence for over 60-years and has awarded more than \$700,000 statewide to deserving high school students. Annually \$12,000 is awarded with \$4,000 given for the best essay.

We would like to encourage all High Schools across the State to participate and have their juniors and seniors complete a 300-500 word essay. Many high schools often utilize this exciting program as a "class assignment" and then submit all of the essays for consideration.

We encourage you to contact your local Kansas Masonic Lodge (listing attached) to coordinate the submission of the essays and to answer any questions that you may have. You may also call the Grand Lodge of Kansas at 785-234-5518 if you need help making contact with a Masonic Lodge near you.

Thank you very much for your attention, and we look forward to having your students participate and WIN!

Sincerely,


Robert A. Shively
Executive Director
785-357-7646

Bob@KansasMasonic.Foundationi

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To download a fillable pdf, go to

www.kansasmasonic.foundation/program/essay-contest/



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ESSAY TOPIC



The 170 Masonic Lodges throughout Kansas provide philanthropic support within their communities. In 2023, Kansas Masonic Lodges collectively donated more than \$300,000 to worthy charitable organizations for the betterment of their communities. Select a charitable organization within your community that does excellent work and explain why you believe this organization warrants financial consideration and support. **Note:** Should your essay be one of the top eight chosen this year, an award of \$1,000 will be given to your chosen charitable organization by the local Masonic Lodge.

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, 2024**.
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, 2024**.
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, 2025.

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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

2023 LIST OF WINNERS

1st Place \$4,000

Emily McCubbin – Junior, Frontenac High School
MA Armstrong Masonic Lodge No. 187

2nd Place \$3,000

Ali Tibbits – Senior, Jefferson West High School
Perry Masonic Lodge No. 415

3rd Place \$2,000

Clara Johnson – Senior, Jefferson County North
Active Masonic Lodge No. 158

4th Place \$1,000

Kamdyn Trahan – Senior, Yates Center High School
Gilead Masonic Lodge No. 144

Honorable Mention (\$500)

Allison Modellmog – Junior,
Southeast of Saline High School
Salina Masonic Lodge No. 60

Peyton Ryan – Senior, Central Plains High School
Hoisington Masonic Lodge No. 331

Camryn Beikmann – Junior, Linn High School
Clay Center Masonic Lodge No. 134

Morgan Allen – Junior, Centralia High School
Marysville Masonic Lodge No. 91

MW Grand Lodge of AF & AM of Kansas 2024 Essay Contest

TITLE PAGE

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Name: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Class: ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Teacher: _____

LODGE:

Name: _____ No _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____



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