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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.

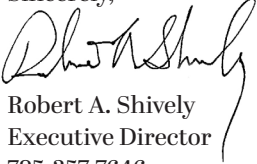
The 2021 State Masonic Public School Essay Contest has been in existence for over 60-years and has awarded more than \$700,000 statewide to deserving high school students. Annually \$12,000 is awarded with \$4,000 given for the best essay.

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,



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ESSAY QUESTION

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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 **8½” 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, 2021**.
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, 2021**.
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, 2022.

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1ST PLACE: \$4,000
2ND PLACE: \$3,000
3RD PLACE: \$2,000
4TH PLACE: \$1,000

**HONORABLE MENTION –
4 WILL BE CHOSEN: \$500 EACH**

2020 LIST OF WINNERS

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CHEYLIN HIGH SCHOOL
ST. FRANCIS LODGE NO. 404

3RD PLACE

SADIE SCHMANKE

CONWAY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
MISTLETOE LODGE NO. 269

2ND PLACE

BRENDAN SHANKS

MINNEAPOLIS HIGH SCHOOL
MINNEAPOLIS LODGE NO. 143

4TH PLACE

ASHLEY VILAYSING

HAYS HIGH SCHOOL
HAYS LODGE NO. 195

HONORABLE MENTIONS

LAURA SMITH—WICHITA EAST HIGH SCHOOL
SUNFLOWER LODGE NO. 86

KYLE BEAN—SHAWNEE MISSION WEST HIGH SCHOOL
LENEXA LODGE NO. 135

DREW MEECHAM—CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL
HARPER LODGE NO. 206

BLAKLEY ALDRIDGE—WESKAN HIGH SCHOOL
SHARON SPRINGS LODGE NO. 417

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Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Class: Junior Senior

School: _____

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Teacher: _____

Lodge:

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