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2025 STATE MASONIC PUBLIC SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

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ESSAY TOPIC

PRIZES

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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 **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, 2025**.
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, 2025**.
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, 2026.

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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

2024 LIST OF WINNERS

ALLISON MODELMOG - 1st (\$4,000)

Southeast Of Salina High School
Salina Lodge No. 60

Charity: Love, Chloe Foundation

BROOKLYN COUNTRYMAN - 2nd (\$3,000)

Quinter High School
Hoxie Lodge No. 348

Charity: Kansas Honor Flight

KAYDEN WORTHEY - 3rd (\$2,000)

Paola High School
Paola Lodge No. 37

Charity: Students Helping Students

OWEN HENRY - 4th (\$1,000)

Blue Valley NW High School
JH Atwood Lodge No. 461

Charity: Band of Angels

Honorable Mention (\$500)

LUCUS SHEPARD

Olpe High School
Emporia Lodge No. 12
Charity: Aaliyah in Action

ELLIE BASKA

Paola High School
Spring Hill Lodge No. 56
Charity: Lakemary Ranch Program

PARKER KOCH

Centralia High School
Marysville Lodge No. 91
Charity: The Future Farmers of America

TAYDEM MITZNER

Hill City High School
Millbrook Lodge No. 281
Charity: Northwest Kanas Child Advocacy
Center Backpack Program

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 2025 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
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785-357-7646

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the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and local Masonic
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Class: ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

School: _____

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Teacher: _____

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Name: _____ No _____

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