

SENIOR ESSAY CONTEST



Our Senior Essay Contest was established in 1966 to provide our graduating students an opportunity to engage in meaningful discussion on current events. This contest is open to any senior currently enrolled in an Oklahoma Public School. Local 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the Men's and Women's Division will receive a certificate. State winners receive a cash prize and the funds are for the winners to spend as they wish! Each year our Education Committee spends a great deal of time perusing topics to choose one they believe will challenge our seniors to think about the impacts of culture on our every day lives. This is a way for our local lodges to honor graduating seniors and engage with the local community while steadfastly to their commitment to education.

1st Place: \$2000 2nd Place: \$1500 3rd Place: \$1000 4th Place: \$750 5th Place: \$500
6th Place: \$400 7th Place: \$350 8th Place: \$300 9th Place: \$250 10th Place: \$200

The 1st place winner's school for men & women also receives a check for \$5000.

This years Topic is:

How does social media influence our politics today? Give specific examples and explain how social media is helping or hurting American politics?

Requirements:

- Any high school senior attending an Oklahoma public school may enter. Only one entry per student is allowed.
- Essays must be submitted online, in .doc, .jpeg, .pdf or google doc.
- No other forms of submission will be accepted.
- The deadline for submission is October 31, 2020
- Essays must be the student's original work.
- The essay must be 1000-1250 & include a bibliography page listing all referenced materials (books, articles, websites) in a generally accepted format.
- The Bibliography does not count towards your word count. Essays that don't meet the 1000-1250 word count will be disqualified.
- Essays must be typed, double spaced, with in Times Roman, font size 12.
- Handwritten essays will not be accepted.
- Essays will be professionally judged based on adherence to the assigned topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, and neatness.
- Entries become the property of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma and will not be returned.
- Entries must be submitted online at www.MCFOK.org

