

SENIOR ESSAY CONTEST



The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma's High School Senior Essay Contest was established in 1966 to provide Masons a way to support public schools in their communities. Each year, a new essay topic is selected that will engage students in meaningful discussion on current events. By engaging in this writing exercise, we hope that students will demonstrate proficiency in expressing observations, thoughts, and conclusions logically and professionally. Over the years, the program has evolved, but the commitment to education has remained steadfast.

THE 2026-2027 ESSAY TOPIC IS:

***"How Does Civic Involvement Benefit
Individuals and Communities?"***

Prompt: Many observers notice that individuals are less involved in civic and community organizations than in the past. What role has civic, or community involvement, played in your life, and what is its importance overall to individuals and the communities in which we live?

***Statewide Winners will receive a certificate
and the following cash prizes:***

1st Place: \$2000 **2nd Place:** \$1750 **3rd Place:** \$1500 **4th Place:** \$1250

5th Place: \$1000 **6th Place:** \$750 **7th Place:** \$750 **8th Place:** \$750

9th Place: \$750 **10th Place:** \$750

1st - 5th local winners will receive a certificate.

CONTEST OVERVIEW:

- Any Oklahoma public high school senior is eligible to submit one entry.
- Essays must be the student's original work. An attestation signed by the teacher and the student that no AI was used must be submitted with the essay. (The AI attestation form can be downloaded from our website.)
- Essays must be submitted as a .PDF via our website, <https://mcfok.org/>
- Essays must be formatted following MLA Style and no more than 1,250 words.
- Essay file should follow this naming system: Last-First_School Name.
- Essays must be submitted no later than October 31, 2026.

ALL essays that don't meet the above criteria will be disqualified

***The scoring rubric, MLA guidance, essay examples AND MORE
are available on our website.***

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for more information***

