

2011-2012 STATEWIDE SENIOR ESSAY CONTEST

This contest is open to all Oklahoma Public School Seniors. It is sponsored by the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, as part of the Masons continuing commitment to public education and our students.

Local division winners in each school will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates.

Statewide winners will receive cash prizes as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10th
Men's	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100
Women's	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100

RULES

Topic: What specific sacrifice or sacrifices would you endure as a partial solution to our country's economic problem?

Participants: This essay contest is open to all High School Seniors in Oklahoma public schools.

Length: Your essay should have no fewer than 250 words and no more than 350 words.

Form: The essay must be written in English and should be handwritten in black ink, typed or prepared on a computer or word processor, using black type in a non-script font no smaller than 12 point or larger than 14 point. It should be double spaced and written on one side of good quality 8 ½ x 11 paper. A limited vision student may use Braille, a tape recorder or very large type. A written transcript must be included, as well as a teacher's or physician's letter attesting to the student's special need.

Each essay must have a title page listing the following:

1. Student's full name
2. Student's address (includes street, rural route, or PO Box, city, state, zip code)
3. Student's gender
4. Name of Student's school
5. School mailing address (includes street, rural route, or PO Box, city, state, zip code)
6. Name of supervising teacher
7. Name of sponsoring Masonic Lodge (located on bottom of poster)

All essays must be the student's original work. You must sign and date the essay at the bottom right-hand corner of the last page. That signature is an assurance from you that you did the work yourself.

Each student may submit one essay.

Entries become the property of the Masonic fraternity and cannot be returned.

Bibliography: Essay must have a bibliography listing of all references utilized. Internet resources, if used, should be cited in similar format to that used for printed resources. Add the electronic address used to access the document as supplementary information.

Judging: The essays will be professionally judged. Each essay will be based on adherence to essay topic, organization of material, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and neatness.

Deadline: Entries must be picked up by the Lodge or mailed directly to the Masonic Charity Foundation (PO Box 2406, Edmond, OK 73083) by the school no later than **October 31, 2011**.

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