



ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! \$400 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST



SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS: The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs is pleased to announce its **2018 Essay Scholarship for High School Seniors**. Any graduating Oregon High School Senior who is an Oregon resident is eligible to enter the contest. One \$400 scholarship will be awarded to the winning student to be used for college tuition to further their education (in any subject) at an accredited school of higher education.

ESSAY TOPIC: The topic for this year's contest is, **"Growth in Service"**. We would like you to write about a personal experience you had where you volunteered for community service. What did you learn?

CONTEST LOCATION AND DATE: The winner will be announced at the state contest held at **Grant Park Baptist Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave, Portland, 97212 on Saturday, April 14, 2018, beginning at 2:30 pm**. Essay contributors are not required to attend the contest (which includes live performances by students competing for instrumental and vocal scholarships), but are encouraged to attend.

CONTEST INFORMATION: Only original material will be accepted. Essays will be judged by individuals with a background in writing who are not affiliated with the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

Ideas and Content	25% - main idea and supporting details are well developed
Organization	15% - the beginning, middle, and end make sense
Voice	15% - the paper tells what the writer thinks or feels
Word Choice	15% - the use of appropriate, lively, and inviting words
Sentence Fluency	15% - the sentences vary in length and are interesting to read
Conventions	15% - grammar, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are error-free

-A first, second, and third place winner will be declared by the judges.

-If the judges determine that there is no qualified contestant, no award will be granted.

-The winning student will notify the Chairman by October 1st of the school year after the scholarship award which college/university they will be attending. If this notification is not received within this timeframe, the scholarship will be forfeited. If the winning student does forfeit their scholarship, then the scholarship will be awarded to the second place winner.

ESSAY FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS: The essay must be no more than 1,500 words in length. The essay must be typed, double-spaced, with a 12 pt. font, and one inch margins all around. Please include a word count at the end of the essay. Three hard copies of the essay are required for the judges.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY: Please send **THREE** hard copies of your essays NOT STAPLED, Print Your Name on each page, number pages, sign the end of the essay, and send with a completed and signed official entry form to **GFWC Oregon Fine Arts, % Carol Bianchini, Chairman, PO Box 1344, Fairview, OR 97024. Essay and Entry Form must be mailed with a postmark of no later than March 15, 2018 and be printed clearly so they can be read.**



Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs Essay Scholarship for High School Seniors Official Entry Form



Name of Applicant:	Phone Number:
Mailing Address:	Email Address:
Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent/Guardian Phone Number:
Name of High School:	High School Office Phone Number:

CONTEST CHECKLIST:

- I have enclosed three copies of my essay and one copy of the completed and signed Official Entry Form for the judges.
- I understand my essay must adhere to the designated topic and length, be typed, double spaced, with a 12 point font and 1 inch margins.
- I understand that the **deadline for the ESSAY AND ENTRY form is postmarked by March 15, 2018. Entry Form must be printed clearly so that it can be easily read.**
- I grant permission for the GFWC Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs (known as "GFWC OFWC") and their affiliates to use photographs of my essay and myself at the scholarship contest on their websites or social media sites or promotional materials. Any pictures taken will then become the property of GFWC OFWC and in addition are allowed to edit/copy the pictures as needed. I further waive any potential royalties for the pictures.
- I have read, understand and agree to abide by all eligibility and performance requirements, and all information I have provided is correct.

Name of Applicant:	Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Name of Parent/Guardian:	Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:

Send COMPLETED AND SIGNED Entry Form and Essay to:

GFWC Oregon Fine Arts, % Carol Bianchini, Chairman, PO Box 1344, Fairview, OR 97024

Questions: Email info@oregongfwc.org or call 971.300.8593

The deadline for entering the competition is postmarked by MARCH 15, 2018

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