



## ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! \$1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST



**SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS:** The Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs is pleased to announce the **2025 Essay Scholarship for High School Seniors**. Any graduating Oregon High School Senior is eligible to enter the contest. Each applicant must be an Oregon resident. One \$1,000 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, "Unity in Diversity".

**CONTEST LOCATION AND DATE:** The winner will be announced at the state contest, to be held virtually on April 12, 2025.

**CONTEST INFORMATION:** Only original material will be accepted. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY:** Essays should be sent to the contest organizer, Allison Belisle at [sajcb@yahoo.com](mailto:sajcb@yahoo.com). Please send a copy of your essay, along with a completed and signed official entry form. **Essays must be submitted through e-mail by March 26, 2025.**

### **Dates To Remember:**

March 26: Entry Form and Essay due.

April 12: Virtual Fine Arts Contest 2 pm ZOOM : Winners will be announced



**Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs  
2025 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 understand that the deadline for submitting my entry form and essay is **March 26, 2025**
- I understand my essay must adhere to the designated topic and length, be typed, double spaced, with a 12 point font, 1 inch margins, and word count included.
- I have read, understand and agree to abide by all eligibility, 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 this signed form and your essay to:**  
Allison Belisle                      sajcb@yahoo.com    503-524-8197

<http://www.oregongfwc.org/scholarships.html>