

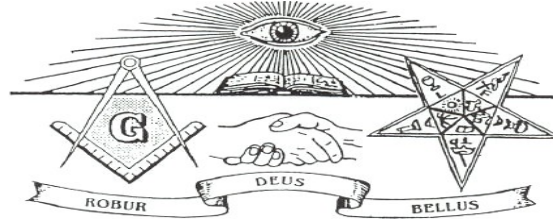
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Nina Neely Scholarship Essay and Awards Contest-Guidelines for Year 2023
Sis. Brittani N. Lyles, National Education Director

Essay Topic: In what ways have legalizing new gun laws affected the youth society today?

Requirements: Applicants must be a graduating senior in 2023.

I. Essay Format and Specific Instructions:

- a. Prepare the essay with two (2) covers – (do not fold).
 - The first cover should be the Scholarship Awards Application form provided,
 - The second cover should have the essay topic only, typed and centered in the middle of the page.
- b. The applicant’s name must not appear on any page except the Scholarship Awards Application.
- c. The essay must be typewritten, font-Times New Roman, font size-12pt., double-spaced, 8.5x11" paper, and with all margins at least 1-inch wide.
- d. Essay must consist of two separate complete pages in length.
- e. Staple the essay and cover pages together in the upper left-hand corner. Do not use any type of cover or binders.

II. Evaluation of Essays:

All essays will be judged by an impartial panel of evaluators, including public school teachers, on the following:

- Content - (Write on complete topic-not a portion of it)
- Grammatical structure and spelling
- Originality of thought
- Neatness

III. Notification of Awards:

Scholarship winners will be notified and the award amount payable by check will be made out and mail to the student upon submitting a letter of acceptance from college in which he/she will be attending.

IV. Deadline for Submission:

All essays must be completed and postmarked on or before March 1, 2023.

Mail to: Reformed Universal Masonic Brotherhood and OES, Inc. P.O. Box 2489 Camden, S.C. 29020

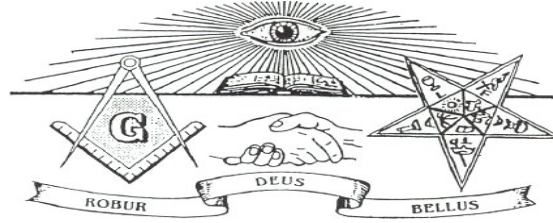
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2023 Nina Neely Scholarship Essay Contest
Attention High School Seniors

Reformed Universal Masonic Brotherhood and Order of the Eastern Star, Inc. will award a first, second and third place scholarship to winners of our annual essay contest.

1st Place: \$1,000.00 2nd Place: \$600.00 3rd Place: \$400.00

Essay Topic: In what ways have legalizing new gun laws affected the youth society today?

Deadline: March 1, 2023

(Following to be completed by member distributing information)

Contact: _____

Lodge/Chapter: _____

Telephone No: _____

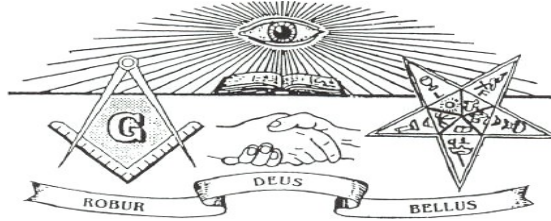
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Essay Scholarship Contest Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ - _____ Age _____

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

Grade in School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____ Graduation Date: _____

What College or University do you plan to attend? _____

Address of College/University: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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State of: _____

Local Lodge or Chapter: _____

Contact Person: _____

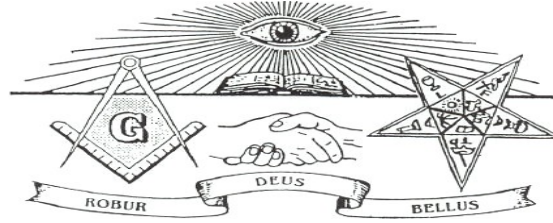
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To: Grand Masters, Grand Matrons, State Heads, Worshipful Masters, and Worthy Matrons

From: Sister Brittani Nicole Lyles, National Education Director

Date: September 1, 2022

Subject: 2023 Nina Neely Scholarship Essay Contest

The National Education Department is excited about our upcoming Annual Scholarship Essay Contest. Enclosed you will find information pertaining to this year's event.

This year, students will write on the topic: **In what ways have legalizing new gun laws effected the youth's society today?** Our mission is to assist graduating high school seniors in their endeavors to pursue a higher education. Let's continue working together as we encourage our children to strive for excellence and be the best that they can be. I look forward to working with each of you. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance (404-207-9098) or e-mail me @ brittanilyles96@gmail.com. **Students must receive pages 1,2 and 3 only.**

2023 Procedures (Grand Lodges and Chapters):

Each Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will receive documentation of selected Essay winners from the Home Office. Grand Masters along with Grand Matrons, and State Heads, upon receiving written confirmation should invite the winning recipients and family members to attend the banquet. Each winner will receive a letter of acknowledgment, congratulating them on their achievement from the National Education Department. Participating Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters will receive certificates from the National Education Department to be presented to essay winners at the Scholarship Awards Banquet. Two complimentary tickets should be extended to each winner. Family members and guest of the essay winners should be advised of the cost if it is their desire to attend.

2023 Membership Recognition Guidelines:

In conjunction with the Scholarship Essay Awards Banquet, the National Education Department will also recognize the following:

The Mason or Eastern Star who has the highest number of essay entrants over 10.

The Lodge or Chapter with the highest number of essay entrants over 20.

The Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter with the highest number of (cumulative) of all Lodges or Chapters in your state,

The winner of each category will receive recognition from the National Education Department at the Scholarship Essay Awards Banquet in their state and in July at the Sovereign Session. After total number of entrants is determined, Grand Masters, Grand Matrons, and State Heads will be notified.

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