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HGP Essay Contest: The Del Allen Memorial Scholarship 2025 Application

Awards: 1st Place \$3,500 ~ 2nd Place \$2,500 ~ 3rd Place \$1,500

BASIC CONCEPT OF HUMANISM

Humanism is a progressive philosophy that uses ethics, science, reason and rational thinking to solve problems and to define goals without supernaturalism. Humanism affirms the inherent dignity and worth of each human being and asserts that the ethical principles of truth, fairness and compassion are essential for governing human actions if we are to improve our world. For more information visit the website

<https://americanhumanistcenterforeducation.org/ten-commitments/>.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be graduating from a public high school in the following Oregon and Washington State counties: Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah and Washington. Applicants must a) be graduating in 2025 with a high school diploma/GED, b) earn a 3.0 GPA and c) have specific plans for post-secondary education in 2025.

Name _____

First Middle Last Birthdate

Address _____

Street City State Zip Code

Phone _____ Email _____

School You Attend as of Spring 2025 _____

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & SUBMISSION

Please submit the following materials no later than **midnight Sunday, March 30, 2025** to scholarship@portlandhumanists.org. Also, please use this address for any scholarship related questions.

1. This completed application form signed by you, the student, and by a parent or guardian if you as the applicant will be under the age 18 as of June 1, 2025.
2. Your Essay.
3. Your high school transcript clearly displaying a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

If Awarded a Scholarship, then you will be asked:

1. To Submit proof of post-secondary education commitment (to receive scholarship monies).
2. To present your essay -- all winners are to present their essays to the HGP Membership. The 2025 date is set for **Sunday, June 29, 10:00-11:30am**.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essays are **required** to: 1) adhere to the length range of 750 minimum words to 1200 maximum, excluding any bibliography; 2) clearly and thoroughly address the topic prompt; 3) use proper grammar, spelling, syntax and punctuation; 4) present ideas with clarity and organization, including a clear thesis statement; 5) possess original and authentic voice; 6) offer a logical support of your thesis, including proper source use and citations; and 7) cite specific references to Humanism throughout. Essays are to be in your own words. Plagiarism including ChatGPT/AI results in disqualification.

