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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.

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| Address | | | | | |
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| School You | Attend as of S | pring 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.

Essays are **expected** to adhere to the standards of an academic essay including typed, 12pt font, double-spaced, and submitted as a .pdf or .docx file. *Note: essays will be assigned a code to ensure confidentiality and to control for bias.*Only the committee chair or chairs will know which person wrote which essay.

Topic Prompts. Please choose one of the following prompts below. In general, we expect you to address the core values of humanism as an applied philosophical worldview. Visit https://www.portlandhumanists.org/, to learn more. You may address a range of applications including, but not limited to, personal experiences policy applications regarding local to global issues, current events, and historical patterns. The prompts below invite you to compare and contrast Humanism with other worldviews. For 2025 we offer four topic prompts from which to choose.

- 1) How might Humanism as a philosophy help you navigate a personal challenge in your life?
- 2) How can the application of Humanism serve a particular field or organization (for example, your possible career interests)?
- 3) Wealth disparity and oligarchy are growing worldwide. Is this a concern? What are Humanistic responses to this trend?
- 4) Is there a threat from religious fundamentalism to U.S. democracy and U.S. governance? What current examples come to mind; and how does Humanism respond to those threats?

PERMISSIONS AND CONSENT

Your signature below indicates agreement terms and requirements of this scholarship application. *Note: if you are under the age of 18 as of June 1, 2025, then a parent/guardian must also sign.*

| Pri | nt Name of Student | Student's Signature | Date | |
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Print Name of Student

Print Name of Parent or Guardian