

2022 Huron County Democratic Party

Scholarship and Essay Contest

The Huron County Democratic Party is sponsoring an essay contest, the winner of which will receive a scholarship of \$2500. The contest is open to any 2022 Huron County graduating Senior, whether enrolled in a public/private school, completing the GED, or home schooled. The scholarship amount will be paid directly to the institution of the student's choice, whether an academic college/university, professional training trade program or professional licensing institution. For-profit institutions will be considered on a case by case basis. There will be a scholarship award presentation at the student's awards night.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ County _____

Parent/Guardian _____

College/Technical School/Other _____

School Address _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

The Deadline for this \$2500 scholarship

Is Friday, April 15, 2022

Please see the other side of this page for the essay topic and further directions.

Please attach a double-spaced essay of not less than 600 words nor more than 750 words on this topic:

“There are renewed efforts to ban books in schools and libraries that teach specific areas of US history. Is this a violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution?”

Consider the following when you write your essay:

1. The First Amendment says: “Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press . . .”
2. Give an example of a previous attempt to ban books, it’s impact and outcome.
3. Can the law be upheld in the fierce determination of some to ban specific books? If so, how? If not, why not?

Note: The essays will be judged “blind”. The judges will not know the name, gender or school of the essay writer. The winning essay will be offered to local newspapers for publication, and posted at <hurondems.org>. The student will be asked to record a reading of her/his essay as well.

This application can either be mailed to:

Helen Wheeler, Scholarship Chair

3475 Chenango Road

Wakeman, OH 44889

Or sent as an attachment to this email: wheelerhelen70@gmail.com. Please use a [Microsoft Word program](#), .doc or PDF file.

Deadline for your application and essay is Friday, April 15, 2022