

2023 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 2023 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 _____

Current School and Guidance Counselor _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

**The Deadline for this \$2500 scholarship
Is Friday, April 14, 2023**

You are encouraged to discuss the topic with your teachers, other students and family. 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:

What is gerrymandering and how is it affecting our politics today?

Consider the following when you write your essay:

1. Define gerrymandering beyond the simple dictionary definition.
2. "Voters pick their political candidate" versus "the candidate picks his/her voters." What does this mean in a gerrymandered context?
3. What can be done, if anything, to change or improve this situation?

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 address: wheelerhelen70@gmail.com. Please use a [Microsoft Word program](#), .doc or PDF file.

Deadline for your application and essay is Friday, April 14, 2023