



*Hood County
High School Senior's
Essay Contest*

**Hood County Republican Club
is offering cash prizes:
\$1000.00 to the Winner
\$500.00 for 2nd Place
\$250.00 for 3rd Place
\$250.00 for 4th Place**

All entires must be postmarked by February 25th

**Prizes will be awarded at the
April 25, 2023, HCRC Meeting**

Meeting Location:

Brazos Covenant Ministries

1950 Acton Hwy, Granbury Tx

Doors Open 6:00 Meeting begins 6:30 pm

**See attached application
for details**

**HOOD COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB
2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Entry Number: _____
(Will be assigned by the Committee)

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ School: _____

Email address: _____

Please mail your essay and this application sheet to the address below -- postmarked by February 25, 2023. If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact one of the committee members listed.

Good luck!

**HOOD COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB
P. O. BOX 5613
GRANBURY, TX 76049**

HOOD COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB

Nov. 25, 2022

Students, Parents, Counselors, and Teachers,

The Hood County Republican Club is excited to offer this opportunity for any Hood County senior student to earn a cash prize for writing an essay. The prizes are \$1,000 first prize, \$500 second place, and \$250 prize for third and fourth place scholarships. This contest is open to all Hood County high school seniors or equivalent.

Your original essay must be 500 to 800 words in length; it is to be handwritten or typed; postmarked by Feb. 25, 2023. You must address this topic:

"Why did our Founders want to create a Constitutional republic and not a democracy? Use supporting quotes from the Founders themselves, specific examples from the Constitution, and the Federalist papers."

Since definitions for terms such as republic, democracy, etc. have changed over time, use definitions from the 1828 Webster's Dictionary for the definitions as used in the time of the Founders for proper context.

Attached is an example of the scoring sheet that will be used by the judges, so you are aware of their criteria. The completed application must accompany the essay. Your name will not be available to any of the judges, as a number will be assigned each applicant's essay.

The cash prizes will be awarded at the Hood County Republican Club meeting on Tuesday night, April 25, 2023. Winners will be given the opportunity to read their essays to the membership if they choose. All essays will be available to be collected by students at that meeting, if they wish to pick them up. The winners will be contacted by phone and by email.

If you have questions about the scholarship, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

Good luck!

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Judging Scoring Sheets

Judges will evaluate the total essay and award points using each of the criteria below. Students' names will be redacted from the papers as will the Judges' name. Each essay will be assigned a number so student name and school will be unknown to the judges.

0 - 20 possible points	Does this paper clearly demonstrate understanding of the Founders' intention to establish a republic rather than a democracy?
0 - 20 possible points	Is appropriate grammar and sentence structure demonstrated in the submission? Are footnotes included and properly used? Is the paper legible?
0 - 20 possible points	Does the paper reflect the student's passion as an American citizen? (Is the point being made persuasive?)
0 - 20 possible points	Did the student refer to specific sections in the U.S. Constitution, the Federalist papers and/or to the Founders themselves to support their response that demonstrates their understanding of the topic?
0 - 20 possible points	Does the student support his/her opinions with references to quotes from the Founders, the Constitution and the Federalist papers?

Judges will have space to write their comments. Their names will not appear on the scoring sheets. Students should mail their essay and the application sheet to the address on the application sheet on or before February 25, 2023.

Winners will be contacted by phone or email and Winners will be able to read their essay at the Republican April meeting. Anyone who wishes to collect their essay may do so at the meeting on April 25th, 2023.

Preliminary application review

There will be three judging stages. 1) Essays with only numbers not students' names will be qualified. Judges will ascertain the most basic requirements such as application filled out correctly/ postmarked by Feb 25th, and if legible (for handwritten). 2) Essays will then be evaluated by five judges on the five criteria areas in the chart above. This will enable our volunteer judges to score all submissions and the ones with the highest scores will advance to the third round of judging. 3) The top scoring papers will be evaluated by a third panel of judges to select the first, second, third and fourth prize winners. Once those decisions are made will the judges learn the name of the student associated with each essay.

We are excited to have you participate and we wish you good luck with your entry. Good luck!!