



*Hood County  
High School Seniors'  
2024 Essay Contest*

The Hood County Republican Club  
is offering the following prizes:

First Place - \$1000.00

Second Place - \$500.00

Third Place - \$250.00

Fourth Place - \$250.00

All entries must be received via email no later than  
Monday, March 18, 2024

Prizes will be awarded at the  
HCRC Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Meeting Location:

Brazos Covenant Ministries

1950 Acton Hwy, Granbury, Texas

5:30 pm Doors Open & Lite Meal – 6:30 pm Meeting Begins

To request an Essay Contest Packet, send an email  
with subject line: Essay Contest Packet Request

to: [HCRC@proton.me](mailto:HCRC@proton.me)

# Hood County Republican Club

## 2024 Essay Contest Announcement and Instructions

December 2024

To High School Senior Students, Parents, Counselors, and Teachers

The Hood County Republican Club is excited to offer an opportunity for any Hood County high school senior student or equivalent to earn a prize for writing an essay in our annual Essay Contest. The First Place winner will receive \$1,000.00, the Second Place winner will receive \$500.00, and Third and Fourth Place winners will receive \$250.00 each. This Essay Contest is open to all Hood County high school seniors or equivalent.

The topic for the 2024 Essay Contest is:

***"The federal government was created by the states with certain enumerated powers. Since the year 2000, how has the federal government exceeded those enumerated powers? Give specific examples."***

Your submission must meet the following first phase criteria:

MS Word or Pages Document  
Five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) words in length  
Attach a completed "2024 Essay Contest Application"  
Received via email no later than March 18, 2024 at [HCRC@proton.me](mailto:HCRC@proton.me)  
Email subject line: HCRC Essay Contest

To make you aware of the judging criteria, attached is an example of the scoring sheet that will be used by the judges. Once received, your essay will be assigned a number to keep your entry anonymous until winners are selected.

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Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

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You should plan to keep this date available should you be chosen as one of our top four winners.

Winners will be given the opportunity to read their essays aloud if they choose to do so.

Winners will be contacted by phone and by email.

If you have questions about the Essay Contest, please send an email to: [HCRC@proton.me](mailto:HCRC@proton.me) with the subject line "Essay Contest Questions".

To receive an electronic copy of these Instructions, Flier, Sample Judge Scoring Sheet, and 2024 Essay Contest Application, send an email to [HCRC@proton.me](mailto:HCRC@proton.me) with the subject line "Essay Contest Packet Request".

**HOOD COUNTY REPUBLICAN CLUB**  
**2024 Essay Contest Application**

Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Will be assigned by the Committee)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email your essay and this application with the subject line "HCRC Essay Contest" to [HCRC@proton.me](mailto:HCRC@proton.me) no later than March 18, 2024.

## SAMPLE - Judge Scoring Sheet

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 states' intention to limit the federal government to certain enumerated powers?
0 - 20 possible points	Are appropriate grammar and sentence structures demonstrated in the submission? Are footnotes included and properly used? If handwritten, 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 actions taken by the federal government to support their position?
0 - 20 possible points	Does the student support his/her opinions with references to specific quotes?

Judges will have space to write their comments.