



Richard Wexler Essay Scholarship OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

This contest is open to all currently enrolled Ball High School and O'Connell High School seniors who are citizens of the United States and residents of Texas.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS
CAREFULLY
Incomplete Entries Will Be Disqualified**

1. The body of your essay **MUST** be typewritten or printed with a word processor, double spaced, on standard 8.5x11 inch paper.
2. The length of your essay should be at least 500 words and a maximum of 1,000 words.
3. Include a letter of certification from your high school principal or counselor stating that you are currently enrolled as a full time student at Ball High School or O'Connell High School.
4. Please use a permanent address, phone number, and email address. Communication regarding your application will be through email; once your application has been submitted, this information cannot be changed.
5. Assemble your entry in the following order:
 - 1-Official Essay Contest Entry form (page 3)
 - 2-Letter of Certification from your high school principal/counselor
 - 3-Typewritten or word-processed EssayStaple the packet neatly on the top left corner and enclose in a manila envelope labeled with ATTN Scholarship Chair
6. **Completed applications must be received by the Galveston Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair no later than April 15, 2026.**
7. Scholarships will be issued in the form of a Certificate of Award by the Galveston Elks Lodge, conditioned upon the enrollment of the applicant as a full-time student in an accredited junior college, college, university, or trade school in the United States for the calendar year the scholarship is awarded. This Award will be paid directly to the school in which the student is enrolled. "Verification of Student Enrollment" and

“Special Instructions to the University or College” forms will be provided to the student for use in requesting funds. The award may be used for tuition, fees (and room & board, if housed on campus).

8. One student from Ball High and one student from O’Connell High School will be awarded \$250 each.

ESSAY TOPIC:

What Does Giving Back to the Community Mean to You?

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AUTOFORM APPLICATION

1. Download and save the application to your computer.
2. Open the document with Adobe Acrobat Reader. (Note—other PDF programs may open the file but not allow you to enter or save information. If using a program other than Acrobat, please test that your program will allow you to complete, save, and print your application.) Acrobat Reader DC may be downloaded free at <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
3. When all information has been entered, print the form and sign/date where signatures are required. **APPLICATIONS WITH MISSING OR INCOMPLETE SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
4. Attach all required documentation to the application.
5. Submit your completed application to the Galveston Elks Lodge by the application deadline.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AUTOFORM APPLICATION MANUALLY

1. Download and save the application to your computer.
2. Open and print the document with a program that will open PDF documents.
3. Complete each area of the application. Be sure to sign/date where signatures are required. **APPLICATIONS WITH MISSING OR INCOMPLETE SIGNATURES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
4. Attach all required documentation to the application.
5. Submit your completed application to the Galveston Elks Lodge by the application deadline.

ESSAY CONTEST SCHOLARSHIP OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Student's Full Name _____

Student's Address _____
Last *First* *MI*

Phone Number _____ DOB _____
Street *City* *Zip*

Email Address _____

Name and Address of School _____

Essay Word Count _____

CERTIFICATIONS AND CONSENTS

STUDENT CERTIFICATION: I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. I give my permission for the Galveston Elks Lodge to use my name and to quote from my application in news and other publicity media. I understand that this application becomes the property of the Galveston Elks Lodge and will not be returned.

Date _____ Signature _____
Personal Signature Required—Digital or electronic signature not accepted

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT: I/We hereby certify that the information pertaining to my/our son/daughter is true and correct and I/we hereby waive any claim against the Galveston Elks Lodge.

Date _____ Signature _____
Personal Signature Required—Digital or electronic signature not accepted

Please submit all required documents to Galveston Elks Lodge #126 by April 15, 2026.

1518 23rd St, Galveston, TX 77550

Please direct any questions to Christine Hinze, Scholarship Committee Chair 409 762 4041

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