



Scholarship Opportunity Old Courthouse Museum Society and JA of Orange County

Award: \$1,000

Topic: First, explain the importance of exercising your right to vote. Second, explain which elected official in the County of Orange you feel is the most important position to vote for.

Criteria for applying:

Open to high school seniors who attend public high school in Orange County, and who will graduate in Spring of 2019. Scholarship applies to college enrollment in the Fall of 2019.

Application Cycle Opens - January 2019

Application Cycle Closes - March 29, 2019

Application rules:

- One page typed paper, single spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins
- Completed applications will include:
 - Application cover page with essay title, full name, high school name, and teacher name.
 - Essay
 - Bibliography
- No binders or folders will be accepted.
- Please only include the requested information. Applications that include supplemental material will not be considered.
- **All applications must be received no later than 5pm on March 29, 2019.**
- **Email completed applications or questions regarding the application to Angela Johnson, ajohnson@jasocal.org**
- The winning applicant will receive their check at the Old Courthouse Member Society Board of Directors meeting on May 8, 2019 at lunch time. Student must be present to receive scholarship.

Selection process:

- Panel of four consisting of three Old Courthouse Society Board members and one staff member from JA of Orange County.
- Panelists will meet on a mutually agreed date at a mutually agreed location to score the submissions.

Criteria for scoring the document:

- Submissions will be scored on a 1-3 scale, in the following categories: Focus, Organization, Grammar, Spelling & Vocabulary, Style, and original content.
- See rubric for details:



CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
1. Focus	The essay is on topic as outlined in the instructions. The student explains why it is important to exercise their right to vote. Then they explain which elected official in the County of Orange they feel is the most important position to vote for.
2. Organization	The essay has five or more paragraphs. There is an opening paragraph, three or more detail paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.
3. Grammar, Spelling & Vocabulary	Essay includes complete sentences. Punctuation and spelling is correct. The choice of terms clearly support the writer's point of view as described in the introductory and concluding paragraph.
4. Style	The essay is written in an interesting and informative manner. Paragraph transitions are well written.
5. Original content	The essay reflects original content. If there is a quote from any source, appropriate punctuation and attribution is used.

Award Presentation:

- The winning student will be invited to attend the Old Courthouse Society Board meeting on May 8, 2019, where the check will be presented. Student must be present to receive scholarship.
- JA of Orange County will post a picture of the check presentation, along with the name of the winner on social media.

Anticipated Reach:

High school seniors attending a public school in Orange County

Timeline:

- March 29, 2019 – the application cycle will close.
- Winner will be determined by the selection panel during the first two weeks of April.
- The winning student will be notified by April 26, 2019.
- The scholarship presentation will be held May 8, 2019 at an Old Courthouse Member Society Board of Directors meeting.