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## HGP Essay Contest: The Del Allen Memorial Scholarship 2026 Application

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$3,500 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$2,500 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,500

### BASIC CONCEPT OF HUMANISM

Humanism is a progressive philosophy that uses ethics, science, reason and rational thinking to solve problems and to define goals without supernaturalism. Humanism affirms the inherent dignity and worth of each human being and asserts that the ethical principles of truth, fairness and compassion are essential for governing human actions if we are to improve our world. For more information visit the website <https://americanhumanistcenterforeducation.org/ten-commitments/>.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be graduating from a public high school in the following Oregon and Washington State counties: Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah and Washington. Applicants must a) be graduating in 2026 with a high school diploma/GED, b) earn a 3.0 GPA and c) have specific plans for post-secondary education in 2026.

Name	_____	_____	_____	_____
	First	Middle	Last	Birthdate
Address	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Street	City	State	Zip Code
Phone	_____	Email	_____	
School You Attend as of Spring 2026	_____			

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & SUBMISSION

Please submit the following materials no later than **midnight Sunday, April 5, 2026 to [scholarship@portlandhumanists.org](mailto:scholarship@portlandhumanists.org)**. Also, please use this address for any scholarship related questions. (1) This completed application form signed by you, the student, and by a parent or guardian if you as the applicant will be under the age 18 as of June 1, 2026. (2) Your Essay, and (3) Your high school transcript clearly displaying a GPA of 3.0 or higher. **If Awarded a Scholarship:** you will need to: (1) submit proof of post-secondary education commitment (to receive scholarship monies), and (2) present your essay -- all winners are to present their essays to the HGP Membership on **Sunday, June 21, 10:00-11:30am**.

### ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essays are **required** to: 1) adhere to the approximate range of 750 minimum words to 1200 maximum, excluding any bibliography; 2) clearly and thoroughly address the topic prompt selected; 3) use proper grammar, spelling, syntax and punctuation; 4) present ideas with clarity and organization, including a clear thesis statement; 5) possess original and authentic voice; 6) offer a logical support of your thesis, including the use of quotations, sources and citations (use a format such as APA, MLA or Chicago Style); and 7) cite specific quotations and sources on Humanism throughout. Essays are to be in your own words. Plagiarism including ChatGPT/AI results in disqualification.

Essays are **expected** to adhere to the standards of an academic essay including typed, 12pt font, double-spaced, and submitted as a .pdf or .docx file. *Note: essays will be assigned a code to ensure confidentiality and to control for bias. Only the committee chair or chairs will know which person wrote which essay, while other committee members will not.*

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