

LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES
High School CIVIL DISCOURSE Essay Contest.

Civil Discourse Essay contest for high school seniors
Submission of 1000-1500-word essay
To be submitted by December 1, 2018 by 5:00 PM

First Prize: \$500, Second Prize: \$300, Third Prize: \$200

Civil discourse, an engagement in a dialogue intended to enhance understanding, is considered one of the primary issues of today. As you are formulating an essay you might address some or all of the following questions. What is the historical position of civil discourse? What is the position of civil discourse in contemporary American culture? Has civil discourse changed significantly in recent history and if so how? What aspects of society strengthen civil discourse? Weaken civil discourse? What is the role of social media in civil discourse? What is the impact of the media (television, films, news sources)? How can a community support an ongoing civil dialogue? What is our individual responsibility in supporting civil discourse? What is the role of civil discourse in a democratic society?

-----Each Entry must include a completed submission form-----

First and Last
Name_____

Mailing
Address_____

City_____ Zip code_____

Phone number_____ Email address_____

Name of
School_____

Teacher_____

Title of
Entry_____

Submit entries by 5PM on December 1 to:

Email: info@skeducationfoundation.org

Mail: Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, 223 Commercial St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Essays can be can be dropped off, mailed, or sent through the inter-district mail.