



2021 Masonic Scholarship Program for Latah County High Schools.

The 2021 Masonic scholarship program is offered by Paradise Lodge #17, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Idaho, in Moscow, ID.

The competition is open to graduating seniors of the 2021 class of the Public High Schools of Latah County who will be continuing on to an accredited program of higher education (college, trade school, or other program acceptable to the Lodge Scholarship Committee). Each Public High School in Latah County shall be eligible for a total annual possible award allocation of \$250 which may be awarded in such proportions to such eligible submissions as the Lodge Scholarship committee shall determine, in its sole discretion (i.e. if no submissions of acceptable quality are submitted, the committee may decide to award no amount; if one or more submissions of acceptable quality are made, the amount may be awarded among them as the committee deems appropriate). Award amounts made shall be paid to the educational program/institution of the selected essay author(s).

Students wishing to submit an entry must **submit their essay by May 15, 2021** directly to the Lodge Scholarship committee at paradise17lodge@gmail.com

The submission should be in pdf format, and needs to include:

- Student Name
- Student ID#
- School/program the student will be attending
- Address of Financial Aid Office of that school/program

2021 Topic:

One of the basic tenets of Freemasonry, as expressed in the “charge” of Masonry’s foundational “first degree” level of membership, is living as a responsible citizen. Much of the time, exactly what this means is easily determined. Sometimes, though, the question of what is “responsible” behavior—and who is responsible for what, are unclear. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic presents questions of responsibility on a number of levels, and each day new issues arise—ranging from whether we are primarily responsible to our local communities, our states, our nation, or the world to whether public health in a physical sense is more important than public economic health. Beyond the questions of individual behavior, the pandemic has again raised issues of the balance of responsibility and power between the federal government and the individual states (and territories, as well).

Who should be primarily responsible, for the general well-being of citizens in a given area: the federal government, or the states?

Write an essay of 500-1000 words on this underlined question and explain your answer. Your essay should be constructed with a clear thesis statement, introductory paragraph, body, and conclusion. Give specific examples to support your ideas if possible, and be as convincing and thorough as the word limit allows. Essays receiving awards shall be selected from among eligible submissions received, and selection shall be made in the sole judgment and discretion of the Lodge Scholarship Committee.

Please direct any questions or inquiries to: Brother M. Stanton, Paradise Lodge #17, (208) 877-1248

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