

Dear Kansas Clubwomen

Our topic for the 2024 – 2025 Citizenship Essay is the following:

What is a Democracy and why it is important to me.

- I have attached a flyer that you may print off to use to advertise the competition. If you notice, there are blanks for the name of the club, contact person name and contact information for you to fill in.
- The rules of the competition are:
- Length is 750 words or less.
- I need the entries to me by February 15, 2025. Email is great, but if mailed, they must be postmark by February 15, 2025.
- Entries will be sent to the judges by February 22, 2025.
- State winners will be announced by April 1, 2025. State Commission chair will notify not only the winners, but also the school counselors of the winners.
- All names of state level entries as well as the winner will be given the club presidents and the Club Woman magazine for possible publication.
- No scholarship money is given directly to scholarship winners, but rather sent to the higher education institution the winner has chosen to be use toward tuition. An essay winner has up to three years to inform GFWC Kansas of the intent to use the scholarship and to which school the scholarship money should be applied.
- A \$500.00 scholarship is guaranteed for one essay winner. Runner-up prizes will be determined by available money within the contest fund.

The judges will be chosen and announced at a later date.

Each club is allowed to have TWO entries at the state level. Giving/posting information in local schools is a great place to make this contest known. The essay contest may NOT be a school assignment. I encourage all of you to spread the work among friends, co-workers, library bulletin boards, scouts, etc.

Thank you all for your help to make this scholarship opportunity a success. Please let me know if you have and questions or concerns.

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