

## ANNOUNCING THE 2022 ANNUAL UW-MADISON LIBERAL ARTS ESSAY COMPETITION

Sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison General Education Committee

### **This Year's Topic:**

University of Wisconsin-Madison requirements encourage students to complete a program of study that is both broad and deep. The General Education Committee sponsors this essay contest because its members are interested in how these requirements help prepare students to lead informed, engaged, and purposeful lives. To that end, please reflect on the following:

Imagine that the year is 2035 and you are enjoying a satisfying career working as part of a diverse team. You have been asked to speak to new undergraduate students at your alma mater, UW-Madison. Referencing skills and knowledge you developed in specific courses and experiences you were involved in as a UW student, what advice would you give to help them maximize their preparation for success in a diverse and changing work environment?

Strong student essays will invite reader engagement through descriptive and reflective personal experiences, as well as demonstrating careful consideration of the prompt. To learn more about the goals of a liberal education you may wish to check the liberal education learning outcomes at <https://www.aacu.org/leap/essential-learning-outcomes>.

[Click here for the application link.](#)

Past winning essays from related competitions can be reviewed at the sites below:

<https://ls.wisc.edu/news/liberal-arts-sharpens-focus-illuminates-path>

<https://www.aacu.org/publications-research/periodicals/university-wisconsin-system-liberal-arts-scholarship-competition>

NOTE: All submissions are to be original essays, 1,000-1,200 words in length, typed, double-spaced. Each essay must include a title page with the following information: title of essay, student's name, major, college and home address, e-mail address, telephone number, and the following statement: "I hereby affirm that this is an original essay and my own work."  
It is recommended to upload Microsoft Word or a pdf document.

### **Awards:**

2 finalists will be selected by the University General Education Committee. The 1st place essay prize is \$1,000 and the 2nd place prize is \$500. Winning essays are made available to the public on University websites.

### **Eligibility:**

This competition is open to *all* UW-Madison undergraduates (regardless of school or college) in good academic standing with a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

### **Instructions/Submission/Selection:**

The UW-Madison deadline for submission of essays is **Friday, March 4, 2022 by 11:59 p.m.** Essays must be uploaded through the Wisconsin Scholarships Hub (WiSH) [here](#).

Final selection of winning essays will be determined by a subcommittee of the Undergraduate Education Committee. Recipients will be notified in April 2022.

**Make an appointment with the Writing Center:**

It is recommended that entries be reviewed and discussed prior to submission by making an appointment at [the Writing Center](#). Receiving feedback from others makes the work stronger and more competitive.

Please contact [scholarships@saa.ls.wisc.edu](mailto:scholarships@saa.ls.wisc.edu), 262-2941 with questions.