



**The John Carroll Society  
2020 Margaret Mary Missar  
High School Essay Competition**

The John Carroll Society (JCS) of the Archdiocese of Washington is once again sponsoring its annual **Margaret Mary Missar Scholarship and Essay Competition** for high school students. The High School Scholarship Program consists of an essay competition open to all high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors attending Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. High school seniors are not eligible to participate in the essay contest.

**AWARDS**

In memory of JCS member, Margaret Mary Missar, the High School Essay Scholarship Awards are as follows:

One First Place Winner	\$2,000
One Second Place Winner	\$1,000
Two Third Place Winners	\$500 each
Up to Ten Honorable Mention Winners	\$100 each

At least one student from each school submitting 10 or more essays will receive an Honorable Mention award. Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the winners' respective schools for credit towards their 2020-2021 tuition.

**ESSAY CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS**

- Essays must be original work, expository in nature, in double-space type, 1200-1500 words total, and with proper citations to any sources.
- Please submit three copies of each essay.
- Each copy of the essay must include:
  - A cover sheet that includes the student's name, year of graduation, school, home address, and home phone number. **The back of cover sheet must be left blank.**
  - Please do not include the student's name or school's name on any page other than the cover sheet.
- We ask that the essays be collected by the high school and sent in one package.
- Essays will be judged by a distinguished panel of JCS members

- Judging will be based on scholarship, originality, writing and rhetorical skill, and coverage of the topic. Judges' decisions are final.
- **Essays must be submitted on, or before February 19, 2020 to:**  
John Carroll Society Essay Competition  
c/o Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart  
9101 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda, MD 20814
- Questions: Please direct questions to Kasia Demaree at [kdemaree@stoneridgeschool.org](mailto:kdemaree@stoneridgeschool.org)

### **ESSAY CONTEST TIMELINE**

<b>December 10, 2019</b>	Essay information distributed to Catholic high schools
<b>February 19, 2020</b>	Essay submission deadline
<b>February – March 2020</b>	Essay evaluation by readers and judges
<b>Mid-April 2020</b>	Winners Announced
<b>May 1, 2020</b>	First place winner honored at the 34th Annual John Carroll Society Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel, Georgetown