



## 2025 Essay Competition Guidelines

1. Students are asked to write an essay answering the question: “New Jersey will be electing a new Governor in 2025. What are the most important issues facing New Jersey? Why are these issues important?”
2. This competition is open to all Sussex County high school seniors.
3. Submissions must contain the student’s name and school.
4. All submissions become the property of the League of Women Voters of Sussex Highlands and may be shared by the LWVSH on social media and other digital platforms.
5. Essays are to be submitted as follows:
  - Typed in Times New Romans 12-pt font.
  - 750 – 1000 words.
  - Double spaced.
  - **Submissions should be sent to [education.lwvshnj@gmail.com](mailto:education.lwvshnj@gmail.com), with the student’s guidance counselor copied, on or before Friday March 7, 2025.**
6. Plagiarized submissions will be disqualified.
7. Submissions will be objectively judged and scored by the League of Women Voters of Sussex Highlands Education Committee.
8. Relatives of students will not judge the competition.
9. In case of a tie, the Education Committee will break the tie via secret ballot.
10. Decisions by the League of Women Voters of Sussex Highlands are final.
11. **Scholarship awards: First Place- \$500.00 Second Place- \$250.00**
12. Winners shall provide copy of senior picture for publicity purposes.

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