



TASC Essay Contest Rules

1. Each school can submit only ONE essay written by ONE student.
2. The essays must be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font. Essays must be no longer than 500 words. No names should appear on the essay. Download the “Essay Cover Sheet” to attach to your essay.
3. Essays are judged on the following items: reflects the convention theme, stays on topic, uses appropriate level of language, originality, shows control of conventional grammar, stays within word limit, correct format, typed double-spaced.
4. Mail your essay paper-clipped to the “Essay Cover Sheet” by February 27, 2026. Send via certified mail with “receipt requested” from the post office and must be postmarked by February 27, 2026 to be considered.
5. The theme for the speech is always based on the title/theme of the convention. The 2026 TASC State Convention theme is “The Mountain of Leadership Is Calling”.

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