

2026 Adolph Stutz Memorial Scholarship Awards open for applicants

Sponsored by **DISTRICT LODGE 141**

Competition Rules

ELIGIBILITY: This essay competition is open to children, spouses and dependent grandchildren (as defined by the IRS) of members with one year or more of good standing (as of June 1, 2025) in District Lodge 141 who are graduating high school seniors or who are currently enrolled full time and/or commencing college or trade school full time. The competition is also open to any members with one year or more of good standing (as of June 1, 2025) in District Lodge 141 who are enrolled in college or trade school with a minimum of six units per semester. District Lodge 141 officers and their families are not eligible. Only one award per family is allowed per year. Past winners are not eligible. Applications **must** be signed by your Local Lodge President or Recording Secretary.

ESSAY RULES: The subject of the 2026 essay competition is **“Artificial Intelligence and Humans: Prospects for Coexistence.”** As AI continues to advance, the question of how humans and AI will coexist becomes increasingly pertinent. Will AI be a helpful partner or will it replace human interaction? This topic explores the potential for humans and AI to coexist harmoniously. When writing about AI, consider issues such as bias, privacy, transparency and accountability. Ensure your arguments are well-supported and reflect a comprehensive understanding of the ethical implications. All essays must be sent as a Microsoft Word document, with a minimum of 700 words and a maximum of 1,000 words, to dan@bleicomm.com. Please include a recent photograph of the applicant. The title must be placed on the top of the essay document, along with the entrant’s name. A bibliography of sources for essay material must be included. The essay must be the work of the entrant or the entrant will be disqualified. The winners may be interviewed by the Scholarship Chairperson. The application must be filled out completely or the entrant will be disqualified.

AWARDS: One each – \$2,000 overall winner
Six each – \$1,000 placement winners

Awards will be presented at winners’ Local Lodges after confirmation of student enrollment at an accredited college or university (copy of valid registration or class schedule confirmation).

TIMETABLE: The Essay Competition will be open April 15, 2026, and will end at midnight, July 15, 2026. Winners will be announced on or around Aug. 1, 2026.

JUDGING: Judging will be done by an impartial Scholarship Chairperson who is not a member of District Lodge 141 and the impartial Scholarship Committee. The decisions of the Committee will be final.

DISQUALIFICATION: Previous winners and all entrants not conforming to the contest rules will be disqualified. Disqualifications and other decisions of the Committee are final.

HANDLING: All essays received become the property of District Lodge 141 and may be published in the future using the contestant’s name.

SUBMISSION: All essays and entry forms must be received no later than midnight, July 15, 2026. The essay and an image of the completed entry form must be submitted to dan@bleicomm.com. Attach a recent photograph of the entrant.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Daniel Brin, Chair; Frank Casciato, Vice Chair; Mike Delano and Richie Castaneda, Committee Members.

SUBMIT THIS PORTION WITH YOUR ESSAY

APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT LODGE 141 ADOLPH STUTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2026

Check one: Member Dependent of a Member

ENTRANT INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State ___ ZIP Code _____ Phone () _____

College of Choice (or attending) _____

Title of Essay _____

DEPENDENTS ONLY MUST COMPLETE BELOW:

High School _____

Address and City _____

Graduation Date _____

MEMBER/PARENT INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State ___ ZIP Code _____ Phone () _____

Book Number _____ Lodge Number _____

Employer _____ Classification _____

VERIFICATION STATEMENT (REQUIRED):

The above member of this Local Lodge is a member of District Lodge 141 in good standing.

Signature and Title: _____

(Signature of Local Lodge President or Recording Secretary)

Date: _____

Failure to complete any part of this form may result in disqualification.

Please send the essay and an image of the completed application to dan@bleicomm.com.
Attach a recent photograph of the entrant.