

2026

Oregon FCE Member

Essay Contest

THEME: "RESPECT"



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All forms are available on the Oregon FCE website www.oregon-fce.org

Purpose:

- Give all Oregon FCE members the opportunity to participate in a contest like the other essay contest we offer.
- The 2026 Oregon FCE Member Essay Contest provides members with the opportunity to write about the theme for the current year while learning a little more about the FCE organization.
- It also provides members with the opportunity to earn an award voucher, which can be used to aid in attending the Oregon FCE State Conference by winning or placing at the contest.

The Essay Contest themes are the following for each year.

- **2026 Respect**
- 2027 Responsibility
- 2028 Fairness
- 2029 Caring
- 2030 Citizenship
- 2031 Trustworthiness

The rules and guidelines for 2026 Oregon FCE Member State Essay Contest are as follows:

- All participants must be a **current Oregon FCE member** whether they live in Oregon or elsewhere. They can be of any age as long as they are Oregon FCE members and tentatively plan to attend the State FCE Conference or plan to gift the Conference Expense Voucher to another Oregon FCE Member.
- **Conference Expense Vouchers** will be \$300.00 for 1st place, \$200.00 for 2nd place, and \$100.00 for 3rd place in the Oregon FCE Member Essay Contest.
- The **Conference Expense Voucher** must be used to help the participant, or other gifted participant, with expenses, including registration, rooming, travel, and meals, at the Oregon FCE State Conference.
- The Winner, or Placer of the Essay Contest, which does not attend the State Conference may request that the Conference Expense Voucher be given, or

“gifted,” to another Oregon FCE Member that attends the State Conference. The Oregon FCE Board must be notified of this request in writing, text, or email.

- The **Conference Expense Voucher** money will be given to the participants, in the form of a check, **after they have attended the Oregon FCE Conference in its entirety.**
- All rules and guidelines for the essay contest will be the same as the High School Age Essay Contest, including the current theme, except that the due date for the contest will be **May 1** of the contest year. *(See High School Age Contest for those rules and guidelines)*
- Monies for this contest will come from the Oregon FCE general fund and/or donations from members, businesses, or individuals.
- This Oregon FCE Member Contest would start for the 2026 Oregon FCE State Conference.
- The Essay Contest is open to all **Oregon FCE members** of the current year.
- The essay can be written at home or in other places that may be available.
- The essay must be written by the applicant and not by friends, or others.
- The Application Form must be filled out and properly signed.
- The Essay must be written about the **current Oregon FCE Member Essay theme.**
- The Essay must be **properly formatted** with name, title, etc.
- The Essay must be between **1,000 and 3,000 words.**
- Essays must be **typed.**
- **All State contest Applications, Essays, and FCE Knowledge Quizzes, must reach the State Contest Coordinator on or before May 1, 2026.** Late, or incomplete entries, will **NOT** be accepted.
- The State winners and placers of the State contest will be announced by **June 1, 2026**, or sooner if judging is completed.
- All Application Forms, Essays, and FCE Knowledge Quizzes, can be submitted via mail, email, or in person.

Essay Instructions

- Using the theme for the 2026 Contest (**Respect**), the writer of the Essay **must** discuss ideas and thoughts about the following:
 1. How did **Respect** affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, **in the past**?
 2. How does **Respect** affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, **in the present**?
 3. How will **Respect** affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, **in the future**?
 4. How does, and will, **Respect**, affect you personally **now and in the future**?

Contest Judging and Scoring

- **Judging will be on the following: 10% on the Application form, 80% on the Essay, and 10% on the FCE Knowledge Quiz.**
- A scoring guide and scoring rubric (included) will be used for the judging of the contest. Please read it over carefully for full details on scoring criteria.
- Judging of all forms, FCE Quizzes, and Essays will be done by at least 3 people.

State Contest Coordinator.

Scott Teeples
4338 Arthur Street
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603
Phone number: 541-891-6456 (phone or text)
Email: sfteeples@outlook.com

- Contact your State Contest Coordinator, Scott Teeples, if you have any questions.

State FCE monetary award vouchers will be of the following amounts:

- State 1st Place: \$300.00
- State 2nd Place: \$200.00
- State 3rd Place: \$100.00

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Application Form – Please write clearly.

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ County _____ State ____ Zip _____

Cell phone number _____

Home phone number _____

Email Address _____

I certify that I am the one that took the FCE Knowledge Quiz, and I am the person that drafted the essay, and that I am responsible for its content. I did not plagiarize any of the materials but may have used resource materials as needed.

I understand that the Essay, the FCE Knowledge Quiz, pictures, videos, and other information, of the winners or placers, may be used, posted, or shared on the State FCE and National FCE websites and other various media sources.

I testify that I was the person that drafted the essay and no other person, other than resources, wrote any part of it.

Signed by Applicant _____ Date _____

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Scoring Guide/Rubric
(to be filled out by Contest Judge)

Applicant's Name _____

School _____ State _____ Total Points earned _____

Area of Contest	Excellent	Well	Good	Poor	Does Not Meet	Points 100 pts. possible
Application: Filled out correctly and completely. Essay is between 1,000 & 3,000 words in length.	9-10 pts. Meets all the requirements.	6-8 pts. Meets most of the requirements.	3-5 pts. Meets some of the requirements.	1-2 pts. Meets few of the requirements.	0 pts. Does NOT meet any of the requirements.	10 pts. Possible Score:
Essay: How did Respect affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, in the past?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions.	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expressions.	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions.	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements.	20 pts. Possible Score:

Essay: How does Respect affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, in the present?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions.	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expressions.	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions.	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements.	20 pts. Possible Score:
Essay: How will Respect affect our communities, at the local, state, national and world level, in the future?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions.	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expressions.	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions.	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements.	20 pts. Possible Score:
Essay: How does, and will, Respect , affect you personally now and in the future?	18-20 pts. Written extremely well with several thoughts, facts, and expressions.	13-17 pts. Written well with thoughts, facts, and expressions.	6-12 pts. Written with some thoughts, facts, and expressions.	1-5 pts. Written with few thoughts, facts, or expressions.	0 pts Does Not Meet Any of the Requirements.	20 pts. Possible Score:
FCE Knowledge Quiz:	9-10 pts. Answered 9-10 questions correctly.	6-8 pts. Answered 6-8 questions correctly.	3-5 pts. Answered 3-5 questions correctly.	1-2 pts. Answered 1-2 questions correctly.	0 pts. Answered 0 questions correctly.	10 pts. Possible Score:

Total Points earned _____/100.

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FCE Knowledge Quiz

(to be filled out, answered, and submitted by contestant)

Name _____ Score _____/10 questions.

This FCE Knowledge Quiz, along with the Application, the Essay, and other necessary forms must be submitted **on or before March 1, 2026**.

Information to answer these questions can be found on the National FCE website www.nafce.org. **Contestants can also use any internet resources or ask FCE members for information. This is an “Open Book Quiz.” Use whatever resources you need including the “Help Sheet” located on the Oregon FCE website www.oregon-fce.org.**

1. What does the acronym FCE stand for?
2. In what year was the National FCE organization and State FCE organization organized?
 - a. National FCE _____
 - b. Your State FCE _____ (If your state does not have FCE, write “NA.”)
3. Who was the first president of National FCE? Who is the current president of National FCE? Who is the current president of your State FCE?
 - a. First National FCE president _____
 - b. Current National FCE president _____
 - c. Current State FCE president _____ (If your state does have FCE, write “NA.”)
4. Write the National FCE Mission Statement.

5. Write the National FCE Creed.

6. What are 6 things that FCE does?

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

7. What is the name of the yearly National FCE Contest that is designed and held for 4th grade students?

8. Where was the 2025 National FCE Conference held?

City _____ State _____

9. What is the name of the 2025 High School Age Essay Contest Winner and what state did they come from?

- a. Name _____
- b. State _____

10. List 6 states that currently have FCE.

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| c. | f. |