

2022 Montclair Republican Scholarship Application Information

SPONSOR

The Montclair Republican Club is the Sponsor of this Scholarship. The Club is committed to National growth and strength, to the U.S. system of Government and to private-sector and free-market ideals. It encourages protection of the environment and personal and family responsibility, respects the Nation's founding documents, and believes in the rich potential of individuals and society. It takes a conservative approach to taxes, spending and the use of resources, and believes that Government should be limited, not expanded. Its principle message is one of hope, opportunity, liberty, responsibility and perseverance.

AWARD

\$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. To be considered eligible for The Montclair Republican Scholarship, an applicant must:
 - a. Complete High School in Spring 2022 with plans to enroll in a two- or four-year University or College (including a Community College) or Technical School.
 - b. Articulate a libertarian or conservative philosophy, and a commitment to National growth and strength, to the U.S. system of Government, and to private-sector and free-market ideals.
 - c. Demonstrate an ability to make a contribution to libertarian or conservative causes.
 - d. Be a U.S. citizen.
 - e. Be a resident of Montclair.
2. Race, sex and political affiliation will not be factors in the selection of a Scholarship recipient.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To apply for The Montclair Republican Scholarship, the following must be completed and submitted by May 15, 2022:

- a. An Application (available at www.montclairrepublicans.com).
- b. Evidence of academic performance, including (i) a transcript showing courses taken and current GPA, and (ii) a copy of SAT/ACT scores. (Note: certified or official copies are not required.)
- c. Description of extra-curricular activities, particularly insofar as they demonstrate leadership qualities, integrity and strength of character.
- d. Description of community service/volunteer activities.
- e. A 400-500 word Essay, addressing two of the following topics:

i The Second Amendment to the [United States Constitution](#) protects the individual right to [keep and bear arms](#). It was ratified on December 15, 1791 as part of the [Bill of Rights](#).

In [District of Columbia v. Heller](#) (2008), the [Supreme Court](#) affirmed for the first time that the right belongs to individuals, for [self-defense](#) in the home, while also including, as *dicta*, that the right is not unlimited and does not preclude the existence of certain long-standing prohibitions such as those forbidding "the possession of [firearms](#) by felons and the mentally ill" or restrictions on "the carrying of dangerous and unusual weapons." [State](#) and [local](#) governments are [limited to the same extent](#) as the [federal government](#) from infringing upon this right.^[12]

Today, the issue of gun rights is likely to wind up at the U.S Supreme Court again, soon. At the heart of the current issue is the following language from the Second Amendment: "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed". What is the latest case that is likely heading to the Supreme Court, why is it headed there, what do the words "keep and bear" arms mean, and what is your opinion on the current dispute?

ii. Democratic Socialism is very much in the forefront of election issues. Socialism historically has resulted in the decline everywhere it has been implemented. What do you see as the positive and negative attributes of democratic socialism? Provide one or more examples of democratic socialism in action in Montclair. How might democratic socialism impact your family, your community, the state of NJ and the country? Also, how might it compromise your work and your freedom to choose.

iii. The 17th amendment replaced this text from the Constitution:

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So, Senators went from agents who sought to curry favor with the government of a State to agents who sought to curry favor with the voters of a State.

The importance lies in the fact that you can have legislatures of states be one party and Senators be from another party now. Prior to the 17th Amendment that was rarer, for the party that controlled the state controlled the election of the Senators from the state.

Do you think the replacement of the text from the 17th amendment was a good thing? How would the change in language impact issues like the 2nd Amendment today?

iv. Please cite 3 major policies/initiatives that the Biden administration is focusing on. What and why do you support or not support these policies/initiatives, and how would each issue, if implemented, affect Montclair?

v. Montclair has adopted a “Welcoming Community” resolution, noting in effect, that it welcomes all people into the community, irrespective of their race, ethnicity, religion, national background, and importantly, immigration status, whether legal or illegal. Montclair will provide all of its municipal services to such people, including emergency, police, fire, schooling, etc. As a member of the Montclair community, discuss whether and how this resolution should apply to and be enforced against low-income and disadvantaged American students who wish to attend Montclair’s schools from crime and gang-ridden neighboring communities such as in Newark, Irvington and Paterson. Should or should not these students be allowed to attend Montclair’s schools, and why? What are the consequences, either way? Does this align with Montclair’s resolution?

Additionally, in conjunction with its resolution, Montclair noted that it “urges the federal government to admit[,] persons and families seeking to reside in this country **irrespective** of whether they come as refugees, or originate from countries dominated by violence or want, or are adherents of a particular faith.” (Emphasis added.) In keeping with its resolution, should Montclair declare its support or opposition to having Immigration and Customs officers, barriers, processes and procedures at Newark International Airport? Explain why or why not, in the context of the resolution. Explain whether the Customs and Immigration approach at our international airports should be the same or different from the approach at the US/Mexico border, how this aligns with Montclair’s resolution, and what are the implications to the township of Montclair and the Country.