



**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION**  
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## U. S. Constitution Scholarship Program

Each year, the Wisconsin Elks Association sponsors a U. S. Constitution Contest to award scholarships to high school seniors who score highly on tests pertaining to our Constitution. Each of the 29 Wisconsin Elks Lodges will host a Local Qualifying Test in February which is open to any high school senior in its assigned geographic area. For the Sheboygan Elks Lodge 299, this area is all of Sheboygan County. The winner of the local test will be eligible to take the State Test in March and will share in awards based upon their ranking on the test. In 2023, \$31,000 was distributed in scholarships to the 15 students who took the State Test. A similar or higher amount should be distributed in 2024.

### Purpose

To promote knowledge and understanding of the United States Constitution by providing scholarship awards to high school seniors based on written examinations.

### Eligibility for the local test

Contestant must be a U. S. citizen and a senior in a high school located in Sheboygan County. Foreign exchange students, unless they are U.S. Citizens, are not eligible to participate in the contest.

### The Test

Professors from the Political Science department at UW-Stevens Point develop both the Local Qualifying Test and the State Test. New tests are created each year with questions based upon current and historical constitutional issues. The Local Test has 40 multiple-choice questions and one essay question which serves as a tie-breaker if more than one person has the same high score. Criteria used for the essay include: completeness, factual accuracy, and application of essay writing criteria: 1) introductory paragraph, 2) supporting paragraphs, 3) concluding paragraph.

### Time and Place

**Local Qualifying Test: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 24, 2024**, at the Sheboygan Elks Lodge, 1943 Erie Ave, Sheboygan. The person who scores highest on the local test will be awarded \$300, second place will receive \$200 and third place, \$100. The person scoring the highest will also be eligible to take the State Test.

**State Test: 11:00 a.m., Sunday March 17, 2024**, at the Sheboygan Elks Lodge, 1943 Erie Ave, Sheboygan. The person taking this test will share in the scholarships awarded by the Wisconsin Elks Association (see box to the right).

### Official Rules

1. Each of the 29 Lodges in the Wisconsin Elks Association may select one senior from a Wisconsin high school within their Lodge's jurisdiction to compete in the State Contest. (Sheboygan Elks Lodge's jurisdiction is all of Sheboygan County.)
2. Each Lodge will determine its representative in the State Contest by conducting a local contest, using the exam provided by the State Committee.
3. Contestants may write the local exam at only one Elks Lodge, the one closest to the student's high school.
4. Exam papers are the property of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Decisions of the judges are final. Individual scores or correct answers will not be given.
5. Lodges must certify their entrant and alternates for the State Contest by March 1, 2024.
6. Scholarship awards are distributed to the local Lodge Chairman following the Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention in early May.  
**Students must use their awards during the ensuing 2024-2025 school year.**
7. Contestants must agree to abide by the contest rules.

### Local Qualifying Test Awards:

- 1st: \$300
- 2nd: \$200
- 3rd: \$100

### State Test Awards: (given in 2023)

- 1st: \$3700
- 2nd: \$3100
- 3rd: \$2600
- 4th: \$2400
- 5th: \$2300
- 6th: \$2100
- 7th: \$2000
- 8th: \$1900
- 9th: \$1800
- 10th: \$1700
- 11th: \$1600
- 12th: \$1500
- 13th: \$1400
- 2 others: \$1000

### Any Questions?

Call or email Bob Esler, contest chairman, at 920-458-7067 or [resler@charter.net](mailto:resler@charter.net)

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