

The 2025 Brandon Langhjelm Essay Contest

Essay Contest Checklist

Please review this checklist before submitting your essay. Essays that do not meet all of these requirements may be disqualified. Please note: this checklist does not need to be submitted as part of your application.

My essay is between 1,200 and 1,500 words (not including footnotes and sources)
My essay contains a title page that includes (1) the essay title, (2) word count, and
(3) submission date
My essay does not contain any personal or identifying information (e.g., my name,
email address, or gender)
My Essay contains a clearly marked introduction, body (and/or body subheadings)
conclusion, and bibliography
My essay is double-spaced
My essay has one-inch margins (at a minimum)
I have cited at least three primary sources
I have followed a citation style consistently and properly
My essay is original and not plagiarized
My essay was not produced with Al
My essay addresses one of the question topics and does not include irrelevant
information