

**Democratic Women's Council of Horry County
2020 Essay Scholarship Contest
Rules and Criteria**

1. The Democratic Women's Council of Horry County (DWCHC) is sponsoring an Essay Contest with a \$1,000 college scholarship for each of the top TWO winning essays.

2. Essays shall be entitled:

Climate change is real. Why is voting for Democrats so important?

3. The essay shall be no less than 1,000 words and no longer than 1,500 words.

4. **Essays must be received no later than April 3, 2020.**

5. **Applicant must notify their guidance counselor that they are applying for this scholarship.**

6. Qualified applicants must be graduating high school seniors. Applicants must be registered voters of Horry County or scheduled for High School graduation by June 2020. Voter registration card or proof of residency (for applicants under the age of 18) shall be required at time of essay submission.

7. Applicants agree to allow the publication of essays at the discretion of the DWCHC.

8. Essays must be submitted, in Microsoft Word format, **via e-mail** to Carole Dwyer, cldwyer26@gmail.com Name, address, telephone number(s) must be included with submission.

9. Entrants must provide copies of:

- Completed entry form
- Voter registration or residency

Note: These items may be submitted electronically with essay or mailed to: Carole Dwyer, 39 Smith Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588.

They must also be received by April 3, 2020.

10. Each applicant may submit only one essay for consideration.

11. Essays will be judged based on content, clarity, and relevance to the theme.

12. Winning essayists must provide copy of college/university acceptance letter. Each scholarship award will be issued to the educational institution of the winning applicant's choice and mailed directly to the institution's Bursar's office in the name of the winning applicant.