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WCOG announces topic for high school essay contestant
Winner to receive \$1,000 cash prize

The 2021 Scott Johnson High School Essay contest deadline is now open and will run until May 22. The contest is open to ALL high school students in Washington State, public, private, and home schooled and the winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize in June. This year's topic is:

Identify an event or issue where open government meetings or records helped advance the cause of justice. Explain how this government transparency made a difference in the public's understanding and how people were held accountable for their actions.

The annual contest is sponsored by the Stokes Lawrence Law Firm and is named for their late partner, Scott Johnson, who was a WCOG board member and champion of transparency. The entrants must provide a 400-600 word, original work that will be judged for clarity, understanding of the issue, and accuracy. All students are encouraged to visit our website at www.washingtoncog.org to learn more about transparency laws in Washington and to view all contest rules and information. Entries must be made by email to info@washingtoncog.org by end of day May 22, 2021. The winner will be announced in June.