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Scholarship Opportunity

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TWO **\$1500** SCHOLARSHIPS
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AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF AN ESSAY
CONTEST TO BE HELD
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31, 2026.

The contest is open to high school sophomores
and juniors in Western North Carolina.

3 awards allocated to each topic

Essays are to be no more than 500 words on either of the following topics:

Why do we need to abolish nuclear weapons and how do we start?

**How do low-income and socially disadvantaged communities
disproportionately experience the effects of climate change?**

Essays will be judged based on:

- Accuracy and substance
- Clarity and cohesiveness
- Personal investment in the subject matter
- Originality
- Overall impact

Finalists will be asked a few short questions to assess their personal knowledge of the subject matter. Essays will be checked for the use of AI and for plagiarism. The determination of the judges is final. Submit digital entries to csmahan@verizon.net. Essays must be submitted no later than midnight, March 31, 2026. Please include your full name, telephone number, the name of your school, your grade and your email address. All contestants will be awarded a certificate of participation.

Scholarships will be awarded at an Awards Ceremony that will be held
May 16, 2026 at UNC Asheville.

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