



2026 NSJ Essay Contest FAQ Sheet



About the Museum

The Largest Collection of Scouting Memorabilia on display, we offer Merit Badges to Scouts M-F 10 am-5 pm all year round.

We also produce a Scout History Podcast and a Monthly Newsletter for Scouts to enjoy. We have a large event room and can host Troop Meetings at our Museum. Come see us today!

Essay Prompt

500-word Essay: Double Spaced w/ Title Page inc. Writer's Rank, Troop Number, Troop Positions held, Scouting Achievement, and a short Scouting Activity Record.

Topic:

The importance of National Scout Jamborees and why it is necessary for museums to document their history.

Winner Receives

Scholarship to pay Contingent Fees

Open to members of the Scouting America Buckskin Council located in Charleston, West Virginia.

The Winner(s) of the contest will be given a scholarship to be used only to attend the 2026 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Beckley, West Virginia, July 22-31, 2026, AND patches to trade at the Jamboree for the World Scouting Museum and themselves. Winner is asked to trade patches for the Museum Jambo Display.

Expectations/Rules

NO AI

Winner(s) will be expected to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours after the 2026 Jamboree at the World Scouting Museum, cataloging and helping put out patches on display. Winner(s) (& Parent/Guardian) will be expected to sign a contract with the World Scouting Museum committing to trading patches in good faith, being above board in patch trading, completing their 20 hours of volunteer time, and being a positive ambassador for the World Scouting Museum as our agent at the Jamboree.

For More Info

Please visit our website for more info about this contest by scanning the QR Code or visiting:

www.worldscoutingmuseum.org/essay

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Essays due by 2/15/2026
Winners announced on 3/15/2026