2024 Margaret Thompson Essay Contest
Rubric for Scoring

There will be a total of 30 points possible for an essay. These points will be allotted according to the following criteria:

1. Beginning paragraph clearly identifies and supports essay prompt 5 points

2. Ideas 10 points
   - Establish a clear focus
   - Provide relevant information
   - Communicate ideas in a creative manner

3. Expression 10 points
   - Use interesting vocabulary and descriptive language
   - Use a variety of sentences
   - Use grammar conventions (mechanics) effectively

4. Organization 5 points
   - Demonstrate a sequential flow of ideas
   - Be sure your closing paragraph completes your essay