

ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY B. KENNETH SIMON FREE ENTERPRISE SCHOLARSHIP

CHECKLIST OF MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR RESEARCH PAPER

Please observe these carefully. If your essay does not meet the following requirements, it will be disqualified.

Your paper

- Must be 2,500 to 3,000 words long (see below for manuscript formatting)
- Must use parenthetical citations (MLA or APA style)
- Must contain a Works Cited list if using MLA Style
- Must contain a References page if using APA style
- Must contain a Bibliography in addition to the Works Cited or Reference pages: If using MLA Style, label it "Works Consulted"; if using APA Style, label it "References Consulted"
- Your bibliography must include the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights
- You must cite a minimum of five print sources (books and articles)
- You must NOT cite more than three internet sources (None from Wikipedia)

Length: 2,500-3,000 words (about 10-12 pages of text, double-spaced, excluding title and works cited/consulted or references/references consulted pages). Use parenthetical citation within the paper for sources. The paper must also include a Works Cited page (MLA style) or a References page (APA style) and a bibliography called Works Consulted (MLA) or References Consulted (APA).

Format: 12 point Times New Roman; 1-1 1/2" margins on each page, double-spaced. Put page numbers in the upper right hand corner. In APA use a running head in the upper right.

Citation Style: MLA (Modern Language Association) or APA (American Psychological Association). Use parenthetical citations of sources. Include a Title Page and Works Cited page and a Works Consulted page (MLA) or a References page and a References Consulted page (APA). Please do not mix the two styles. Use one or the other.

For MLA style you may refer to Joseph Gibaldi, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6/e*. New York: Modern Language Association, 2003. ISBN 0-87352-986-3.

For APA style you may refer to *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5/e*. Washington, D. C.: American Psychological Association, 2001. ISBN 1-55798-790-4.

On the internet go to:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/index2.html> and click on Research and Documenting Sources for advice on using both MLA and APA formats.

Statement on Academic Integrity:

For this research paper, you are required to submit your own work. Plagiarism, taking someone else's words or ideas and representing them as your own, is regarded as a serious offense and is expressly prohibited by Robert Morris University. You will be disqualified if you attempt to present as your own work materials taken from other sources. This includes cutting and pasting from internet sources without citing the sources parenthetically and listing them in your Works Cited or References page.

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CRITERIA FALL 2020

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled as a high school senior.
- Be a resident for more than one year of one of the following Pennsylvania counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington, or Westmoreland.
- Possess a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Possess a combined SAT score of 1170 or higher or an ACT composite score of 24 or better.
- Secure a sponsoring teacher from high school to serve as an advisor for the research paper.
- Submit a research paper of between 2,500 and 3,000 words on a topic established annually by the scholarship selection committee.

TOPIC FOR RESEARCH PAPER FOR FALL 2020 CANDIDATES

Political parties in the United States function much like private clubs. However, almost every elected official belongs to one. Does this mean the Constitution cannot affect political parties, or are certain types of discrimination prohibited?

1) May a political party impose requirements on who may vote in the party's primary elections? Does the answer depend on the type of discrimination involved? If a party may impose requirements on who may vote, may a party impose requirements on who may run as a party candidate?

2) May a party impose requirements in addition to those in the Constitution? For examples, could a national party require that, to receive nomination for president, a candidate had to be at least 40 years old? What if the national party prohibited a candidate from being older than 75?

3.) May a party require that a specified percentage of its candidates for the House of Representatives or the Senate – say 30% or 40% – be women? This is a concept known as electoral gender quotas and is used in many countries.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

The following is the timeline for the selection process for the B. Kenneth Simon Free Enterprise Scholarship.

Friday, Dec. 13, 2019

Application deadline for all students interested in the scholarship.

Friday, Feb. 28, 2020

Research papers due for all candidates.

The recipient of the Fall 2020 B. Kenneth Simon Free Enterprise Scholarship will be notified the end of March.

B. KENNETH SIMON, ENTREPRENEUR

B. Kenneth Simon was a business owner dedicated to Pittsburgh and to the business climate throughout the tri-state region. Simon was a firm believer that successful economies are built from the ground up through free enterprise and independent small businesses. He always wanted to help provide a place where young people could acquire the skills to help them grow their own local companies.

"I would like to see a lot of people who are capable take a shot at being in business for themselves," said Simon. "It's a lot of work to be in business for yourself, but there is a lot of gratification that comes from owning your own business."

Simon, a 1949 graduate of Cornell University, always had a soft spot for Robert Morris University since taking a public speaking course at the university more than 40 years ago. The course, he said, helped to make him a successful businessman and boost his communication and business skills.

