



**HARFORD COUNTY
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

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Essay Criteria for the 2025 Harford County Republican Women Scholarship

Our Constitution and Republican form of government stipulates there shall be three (3) branches of government, The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. Article 3, Section 1 states that the judicial Power of the United States ... shall be vested in one Supreme Court...

The purpose of this was to keep the judiciary independent of the other branches of government so it could check the power of the other branches.



Over the years the number of justices has varied but in 1869 Congress passed a law to set the number at 9 Justices. However, since that time there have been unsuccessful attempts at “packing the court” which would weaken the checks and balances in the Constitution.

The questions to be answered are three fold:

- 1) What is the core principle and motto of the Supreme Court?
- 2) What does the Scales of Justice, often depicted as Lady Justice, symbolize?
- 3) How would the adoption of the Keep 9 Amendment benefit our citizens and our country?

Please answer the questions in an essay of 750-1000 words and cite current and historical examples supporting your opinion. Font Size: 12 Font: Times New Roman Spacing: Double Spaced. Word Documents only. Bibliography is not included in word count.

On the separate cover page only, please include your name, address, telephone number, email, high school you attend, and the college or trade school you are planning on attending in the fall of 2026 and major you plan on studying.

This scholarship is open to any high school senior female who reside in and attend public, private or homeschool in Harford County Maryland, and who plan to attend college or a qualified trade school in Fall 2026 are invited to submit essays to be considered for the scholarship.

Winning essay will receive \$1,000. Please email submission to HCRWgroup@gmail.com on or before 19 October 2025. Winner will be notified by 1 November, and will be required to be present at the November 2025 HCRW luncheon to receive the check and award.

Late responses will not be accepted