



Benj. Franklin
SCHOLAR AWARD

Write an essay of no more than 750 words discussing the modern-day relevance of the following quote by Benjamin Franklin:

"Tis a Common Observation here that our Cause is the Cause of all Mankind; and that we are fighting for their Liberty in defending our own. 'Tis a glorious Task assign'd us by Providence; which has I trust given us Spirit and Virtue equal to it, and will at last crown it with Success."

Franklin, Benjamin. "Letter to Samuel Cooper, May 1, 1777." *The Papers of Benjamin Franklin*, <http://franklinpapers.org/>

Requirements for Students:

1. Must be in their **junior** year at a Pennsylvania public high school
2. Create original work that makes a case for the relevancy or irrelevancy of Franklin's words in today's world
3. Consult [Turnitin rubric-Argument tab](#) to gain familiarity with judging criteria (Judges will use this exact rubric to grade each essay)
4. Must consult and cite credible source material, use in-text citations and have a works cited page following MLA/APA formatting with a minimum of three sources
5. Include the page number and title of the essay in the footer of each page
6. Save essay as YourEssayTitle_YourInitials
7. Upload essay and student information to the [BFSA JotForm](#) no later than Friday, March 1st, 2024 at 11:59pm

2024 Calendar:

- **Essay submission deadline: Friday, March 1st, 2024 at 11:59pm**
- Award announcement: early-April, 2024
(Via email and publication at www.pasociety.com/scholarship)