

The Washington Coalition for Open Government
presents the
2020 Scott Johnson High School Essay Contest:

Named in honor of former WCOG Board member, the late Scott Johnson, the contest is designed to educate young people about the importance of open-government principles.

We are pleased to announce this year's essay topic:

***What would America be like with no laws requiring government to hold open public meetings, provide open public records, and operate open courts?
Would you want to live in such a country?
Why or why not?***

- 400 to 600 words
- Must be an original work
- Submissions must be made by email to info@washingtoncog.org
- Submission deadline is April 15, 2020
- **The winner will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in May**

Interested students should visit our website www.washingtoncog.org/awards/essay-contest for all submission guidelines and to learn more about transparency and open government.