

2018 Profile in Courage Essay Contest Winners, Finalists, and Honorable Mentions

First-place Winner:

- Jeffrey Seaman, a junior who is homeschooled in Short Hills, New Jersey
Essay subject: Harry Burn, former State Representative, Tennessee

Second-place Winner:

- Jacob Zinberg, a senior at the Torah Academy of Bergen County in Teaneck, New Jersey
Essay subject: Ben Olcott, former Governor, Oregon

Finalists:

- Isabella Gentilozzi, a junior at Grand Ledge High School in Grand Ledge, Michigan
Essay subject: John Austin, former member of the State Board of Education, Michigan
- Ji-Sung Lee, a junior at Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, Missouri
Essay subject: Joe Straus, State Representative and Speaker of the House, Texas
- David Oks, a junior at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, New York
Essay subject: Lawrence Hogan, former US Representative, Maryland
- Geonwoo Park, a junior at Mercer Island High School in Mercer Island, Washington
Essay subject: John Spellman, former governor, Washington
- Ameena Sohail, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana
Essay subject: Joe Schwarz, former US Representative, Michigan

Honorable Mentions:

- Sydney Adams, a junior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana
Essay subject: Chris Louras, former mayor of Rutland, Vermont
- Jodi Camino, a senior at Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana
Essay subject: John Hickenlooper, governor of Colorado

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Honorable Mentions (continued):

- Jackson Edwards, a senior at Franklin High School in Franklin, Tennessee
Essay subject: James Horton, former judge, Alabama
- Malavika Kannan, a junior at Seminole High School in Sanford, Florida
Essay subject: Ayala Aramis, state attorney in Florida
- Ian Lee, a junior at Boston Latin School in Boston, Massachusetts
Essay subject: Paul Reyes, mayor of El Cenizo, Texas
- Zachary Medley, a senior at L & N STEM Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee
Essay subject: Albert Roberts, former governor of Tennessee
- Brandon Shi, a senior at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon, California
Essay subject: Barbara Lee, US Representative, California
- Maya Wernstrom, a senior at Boca Raton Community High School in Boca Raton, Florida
Essay subject: Steve Gunderson, former US Representative, Wisconsin