

**GRAND LODGE
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OF THE
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COMMITTEE ON YOUTH**

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To: All District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Staff Officers, Worshipful Masters, Lodge Secretaries and Members of the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth

Following is a brief description of the awards associated with the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth.

The Fifth Manhattan Masonic District Association Endowment Fund, Inc. has sponsored for over 45 years and has given this committee the privilege to conduct the **Frank M. Totton Essay Contest**. This year's topic has been chosen to be:

“HOW CAN WE PRESERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES?”

Please note, the contest is open to any high school senior who is the child or grandchild of a Master Mason or a member of their extended family and who anticipates entering an accredited college in the Fall of 2010. Essays are to be a minimum of 200 words and not to exceed 350 words – typed. Essays are to be postmarked no later than January 10, 2010 and mailed to the Chairman of the essay contest – MR. CARY COHN, 3604 Anita Lane, Wantagh, NY, 11793. Essay must be accompanied with the Secretary's signature and Lodge Seal. **No name is to be included on the front page of the essay!** Entries not meeting these conditions will not be considered! The awards are as follows: First, \$1500.00; Second, \$1000.00; Third, \$750.00; Fourth, \$500.00; Fifth, \$350.00; Sixth, \$250.00; Seventh-Tenth, \$100.00 each. The First Prize winner is customarily invited to the opening session of Grand Lodge to read the winning essay.

General Douglas MacArthur Youth Award - This award is to be presented to a **non-mason** of either gender or any organization, for their “exemplary and voluntary” community service to youth. Please use this Grand Lodge Award to promote our interest in the youth of our communities. A 2” bronze medallion now accompanies this certificate.

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is a National recognition approved by the Boy Scouts of America to recognize outstanding service to the youth of our communities through service connected with the Scouting movement. For qualified Masons, Over One Hundred Fifty of our New York State Brothers have been honored in this manner since inception.

Eagle Scout Commendation - For those qualified as Eagle Scouts, a personalized commendation certificate, available for framing. Also included is a personal letter of congratulation from our Grand Master, accompanied with a Boy Scout nationally approved bronze medallion. The medallion, with the Masonic Square and Compasses with the words *New York Masons* and *Citizenship* emblazoned on it, is most impressive.

Girl Scout “Gold” Recognition – For those qualified, a personalized commendation certificate available for framing. Approved by the Girl Scouts, U.S.A. Also included, a personal letter of congratulation from our Grand Master, accompanied with a nationally approved “Gold” gilt pin, with Girl Scout logo, along with the Masonic Square and Compass upon it.