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RE: The Bradshaw Literary Award - Open to all HMHS Seniors

Dear HMHS Seniors –

Today, we ask all Haddonfield Memorial High School seniors to give thoughtful consideration to the civic-related writing prompt developed by the HCA Education Committee with assistance from both the English and Social Studies departments at HMHS.

This year's **2026 Bradshaw Literary Award** prompt:

250 years ago, the New Jersey Delegates met at the Indian King Tavern in Haddonfield to officially ratify the Declaration of Independence, marking the historic transition from a colony to a sovereign State. As a vital “crossroads” of the American Revolution, Haddonfield played a pivotal role in the birth of our nation—a legacy that continues to shape its modern civic identity as we celebrate America’s 250th anniversary.

Our nation was founded on the principles of civic engagement and the spirit of self-determination. How has your life in Haddonfield been shaped by that same enduring spirit?

Here are the details to submit:

- **All submissions due Monday, March 16th, 2026.**
- This scholarship is only open to Haddonfield Memorial High School seniors.
- The essay should be in 5 paragraph form and a maximum length of 500 words.
- Students **MUST** include a contact phone number at the top of your essay – submissions will be “blind” – no names.
- Please submit a typed and printed copy of your essay to School Administrator Samantha Wilson at the front office.

Submissions are evaluated by members of the HCA Board of Governors and the winner is asked to present their essay at the HCA Annual Town Dinner on April 15th, 2026. The winning student is also presented with a \$500 award scholarship on Senior Awards Night.

We want you to take advantage of this opportunity! Please visit HaddonfieldCivic.com for more details of past events and past winners. Good luck!

Thank you,
Joseph Levine, HCA President



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