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## The James Como Collegiate Essay Contest

\$500 First Prize – \$300 Second Prize – \$200 Third Prize

The top five finalists will be publicized in the Society's bulletin and given a one-year membership to the New York C. S. Lewis Society, the first Lewis Society, founded in 1969.

### Essay Content

Essays should range from 2,000 – 5,000 words and pertain to a subject related to Lewis and his works. More weight will be given to essays that examine an in-depth topic in an original way. Some possibilities include, but are not limited to, a subject in Lewis's writings, or a genre, such as epic poetry or space fiction. Introductions, summaries, or broad overviews should be avoided. Also, well-covered topics, such as a basic analysis of "Sehnsucht," or longing for joy, will receive less weighting than others.

### Submissions

The contest is open to college students or those in alternative programs that promote the scholarship of English literature, rhetoric, philosophy, or theology. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2026. Please include the name of your school or program and the name of an advisor associated with your work. Questions and submissions may be sent to :  
essay\_nycsls@fastmail.com

### About the Society

Through the contest, the New York C. S. Lewis Society honors the legacy of James Como, a founding member of the Society. As an author and educator, Prof. Como exemplified the mission of the Society — to promote a special admiration, affection, and active interest in this writer. The Society consists of scholars, students, writers, publishers, and enthusiasts of C. S. Lewis.

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