



## The ASCS New Zealand Student Essay Competition in Honour of John Barsby 2025

ASCS is an inclusive organisation. It encourages entries from Māori and Pasifika students, students who are living with disabilities, students of diverse gender and sexuality, mature-age students, and students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

1. This competition is open to all undergraduate students enrolled in Classics papers (100-300 level) at any tertiary institution in New Zealand during 2025. Each student is permitted to submit one essay only.
2. The winning entrant will receive a prize valued at AUD\$350.00 and may have the opportunity to be published in an upcoming volume of the journals *Scholia* or *Classicum*. The second-place entry will be acknowledged with an award valued at AUD\$150.00.
3. Essays can be on any topic concerning the ancient Greek and/or Roman and/or Egyptian worlds. Students may submit an essay that has already been completed as part of their assessment; but it must be a 'clean' copy, i.e., have no markings, grades, comments, etc. on it, or give any indication of the student's identity.
4. Neither the entrant's name nor any other identifying information should appear on the pages of the essay itself. The essay, including notes, should not exceed 3000 words (bibliography is not included in the word count).
5. Essays with titles clearly stated are to be submitted as an email attachment — **in Microsoft Word or pdf format** — directly to the co-ordinator of the competition (details below). Essays must be typed and paginated. Essays submitted in other formats will not be accepted.
6. Cover sheets with details of the student's name, essay title, institution, etc. must be sent as a separate attachment — **also in Microsoft Word or**

**pdf format.** Students must not submit essays via their university department or instructor.

7. Entries must reach the co-ordinator of the competition no later than **Friday 21st November 2025** at the following address:

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