

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON



**Official Entry Form
Youth Essay Program Grades 3-4-5
2026 - 2027**

THEME: **"What I Would Say to a Founding Father"**

Grade Level: _____ Word Count: _____

Date Due to Sponsoring Post/Auxiliary: **October 31st**

PLEASE NOTE: This entry form must be completely filled out and accompany the essay.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Students Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____ Parent email: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Parent Phone: _____

To be completed by a person instructing student

Instructor's Name _____ location _____

Address of School or Home _____

To be completed by Post/Auxiliary

Name & Number of Sponsoring Post/ Auxiliary: _____

Address: _____

Chairman's Name: _____ District Number: _____

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE POST/AUXILIARY LEVEL

Disclaimer: The School District does not sponsor this event/activity/offer and the district assumes no responsibility for it. In consideration for the privilege to distribute these materials, the School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials, including all costs, attorney's fees and judgments or awards.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars and Its Auxiliary
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State Youth Essay Program Rules and Regulations
Grades 3-4-5**

1. Participants must compose their own essay.
2. The essay must be clearly handwritten, typed or computer prepared.
3. Judging will be under the guidance set by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Washington. Judging will include 30 points for addressing the theme, 30 points for clarity of Ideas, 40 points for Theme Development.
4. Since this program is completely voluntary, a student does not have to go through his/her school to participate. Any student from any school in the State of Washington may enter the program by contacting a local Post or Auxiliary for rules and Official Entry form. Home Schooled students are also eligible.
5. A copy of the Official Entry form must accompany the essay. All sections of the official entry form **MUST** be completed at the Post/Auxiliary level. Entry forms **MUST** be signed by a parent.
6. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Washington. If copies are desired, you must make your own.
7. Contest begins at the start of the school year.
8. Length: Not to exceed 250 words.
9. Student's Name, City, or School **MUST NOT** be on the essay, only on the entry form.
10. Essay must stay within the prescribed subject matter and there can be **NO** added color or artwork.
11. Essay written in poem form **will not be accepted**.
12. The Post or Auxiliary sponsoring the school **MUST** do the judging at the local level.

Essays due to local Post/Auxiliary by: October 31st

Any Essay not **received** by the deadline **will not** be accepted.

Please submit 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 3rd grade, 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 4th grade, and 1 winner for every 15 entrees for 5th grade to your District for judging by Nov. 15th.