

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON



**Official Entry Form Youth Essay Program Grades 3-4-5  
2024 - 2025**

THEME: **“How Should Our Veterans Be Treated?”**

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLEASE NOTE: This entry form must be filled out completely 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 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**

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**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. Use of A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) Assisted programs, writing, and generation of essay material will not be judged.
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. 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. Chairman will not return essays.
7. The 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. Essays 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 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

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