



ELBERT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN PATRIOTIC ESSAY CONTEST



Dear Teachers and Students:

This letter is the information packet for the 2018-19 Patriotic Essay Contest sponsored by the Elbert County Republican Women. This non-political, nonpartisan contest is designed to encourage students to think and write about the privileges and responsibilities of American Citizenship.

This year's topic for Middle School is:

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING AN AMERICAN?

High School is:

IS IT OKAY TO REWRITE OUR AMERICAN HISTORY?

The deadline for submitting your essay is FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019. A representative of the Elbert County Republican Women will pick up essays from your school on that day. You may also e-mail your essay to Teri Guthrie at terig45@myedl.com or Mary Frangis at mafrangis@gmail.com NO LATER than January 18, 2019. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The Essay Awards Ceremony will be on February 21, 2019 at Legacy Academy in Elizabeth. We invite everyone to attend our Awards Ceremony and enjoy essay readings and refreshments.

PRIZES for both Middle and High School Students

1st \$100.00

2nd \$75.00

3rd \$50.00

(Plus, the \$1000.00 Rathbun Scholarship for the High School 1st place winner)

First place winners from High School and Middle School (home school included) contests will be recognized at the Elbert County Republicans Annual Lincoln Day Dinner Saturday March 9th, 2019. The winners and their parents will be the guests of the Elbert County Republican Women and the Elbert County Central Committee at the Lincoln Day Dinner.

If you have questions, please call Elbert County Republican Women Teri Guthrie at 303-419-8374 or Mary Frangis (303) 646-9645.

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INFORMATION PAGE FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TOPIC: WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING AN AMERICAN?

HIGH SCHOOL TOPIC: IS IT OKAY TO REWRITE OUR AMERICAN HISTORY?

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTEST: 6th through 8th Grade Students

HIGH SCHOOL CONTEST: 9th through 12th Grade Students

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 18, 2019

AWARDS CEREMONY: February 21, 2019, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Legacy Academy in Elizabeth.

AWARDS (For both Middle and High School)

1st Place: \$100

2nd Place: \$75

3rd Place: \$50

(plus the \$1,000 Rathbun Scholarship for High School 1st Place Winner)

ELIGIBILITY: Students enrolled in Middle School (6th-8th grades) and High School (9th-12th grades) and students schooled at home in Middle and High School curriculum.

The 1st Place Middle and High School winners and their families will be the guests of the Elbert County Republican Women at the Elbert County Republican **Lincoln Day dinner on Saturday night, March 9, 2019**. Both students will be recognized and read their essays as part of the program.

By entering this contest, the students and their parents/guardians are giving permission to have their photos taken and the essays published in local newspapers and media.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you learned of the essay at school, you can turn it in to the teacher or person who told you about the essay and gave you this information and cover sheet. _____

You may also contact the Elbert County Republican Woman representing your school.

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You can e-mail your essay and cover page to Teri Guthrie at terig45@myedl.com or Mary Frangis at mafrangis@gmail.com

If you do NOT get an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your

e-mailed essay, call Teri Guthrie at 303-419-8374.

2018-19 PATRIOTIC ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION (continued)

FORMAT (How to submit your essay)

Length: 300 to 500 words (Accurate, concise, well organized writing is preferred over convoluted lengthy essays.)

Title: Give your essay an original title and put that title on each page of your essay. Keep in mind that the Middle School topic is: "WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING AN AMERICAN?" and The High School topic is: "IS IT OK TO REWRITE AMERICAN HISTORY?".

Type your essay on plain paper with the title you choose for your essay. If possible, double space your essay. Number pages in the upper right-hand corner. **Do not put your name on the essay** pages so that we can judge each essay anonymously. (We will assign a number to each essay for judging.)

Remember to attach the completed Cover Sheet to the essay.

Extra points will be given for a separate creative artistic page illustrating your essay.

Fill out information on the attached Cover Page and staple the Cover Page to your essay and your artistic illustrative page (if you have one).

Judging Considerations

Content -- the information in your essay, its meaning and how it communicates your ideas. You can include experiences, facts, comparisons, or explanations to give meaning to the content of your essay.

Originality/Individuality -- your own vision of and ideas about YOUR TOPIC. Be creative by telling a story or explaining an idea in terms of your own experience or research.

Patriotism -- how AMERICAN HISTORY is honored in this country. What is special about AMERICA OR BEING AN AMERICAN? Does EITHER TOPIC have any special significance for you?

Clarity (Clear Writing) -- logical organization, precise word choice, simplicity of language. Hint: read your essay aloud to make sure ideas and words flow logically when read aloud. Winners essays will be read at the Awards Ceremony.

Grammar -- spelling, sentence variety, and grammar.

SOME GUIDELINES

Be sure to attribute quotations or ideas from other sources to the original author. Make your writing creative and individual by illustrating and describing ideas. You can tell a story, prove a point, research or visualize an idea. Use a format that you are comfortable using in your writing. Keep in mind that journalists write stories that answer these 5 questions: "How?", "When?", "What?", "Where?" and "Why?". We look forward to reading your essay.

SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY BY JANUARY 18, 2019

COVER SHEET FOR YOUR 2018-19 PATRIOTIC ESSAY
(must be stapled to your essay)

Please print the information asked for below and staple this sheet to your essay so we can keep track of your essay. **We need to be able to read your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address so we can send you an invitation to the awards ceremony and see that you receive awards.**

The topic for your essay is: Middle School, "What are the Responsibilities of being an American?" High School, "Is it ok to rewrite our American History?" Please give your essay an original title.

ESSAY TITLE: _____

ESSAY WORD COUNT: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR SCHOOL: _____
(If home schooled, enter "HOME SCHOOL")

YOUR GRADE: _____

If a teacher told you about the contest,
TEACHER'S NAME _____

YOUR PARENT OR
GUARDIAN'S NAME(S) _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN'S PHONE NUMBER: _____

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS: _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please make sure the information you give is readable -- so we can contact you. Thank you!

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