

Grand Lodge of Arizona
PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

Classroom Teacher Instructions

Closing Date for the Essay Contest is November 17, 2017

General Guidelines

1. Students in grades 3 through 8 may enter the contest.
2. Only one essay entry per student.
3. Essays are not research documents although research should support any factual information used. The intent is to show cognitive thinking, logic, and opinions of the writer.
4. All essays must be submitted through a sponsoring Masonic Lodge.
5. Members of the sponsoring Masonic Lodge will select the top three entries from each grade and forward them to the Grand Lodge of Arizona Public Schools Committee who will select the top three entries for each grade for State Awards.
6. All State submissions become the property of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.
7. You will be notified of any State Award recipients by the sponsoring Masonic Lodge.
8. Local awards and award program dates will be determined by the sponsoring Masonic Lodge.
9. Each grade level will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award from the sponsoring Masonic Lodge and will be eligible for State awards.
10. Essays must be submitted to the Sponsoring Masonic Lodge by November 17, 2017

Essay Topics

Grades 3 through 5: Choose one

- 1) Name two events in Arizona history and explain why they are important**
- 2) Name two events in Arizona History and explain why they are important to you**

Grades 6 through 8: Choose one

- 1) Name two events in United States of America History and explain why they are important**
- 2) Name two events in United States of America History and explain why they are important to you**

Essay Format

Heading: The following information must be displayed on the first page header and be legible and spelled correctly.

- Student Name
- Grade
- Teacher's Name
- School Name (Do not abbreviate)
- Sponsoring Masonic Lodge Name and Number

Style:

- Title of Essay
- Essays must be single spaced and not exceed 2 pages in length
- Essays may be handwritten, typed or computer printed
- Braille or language other than English may be submitted in its original format but must be accompanied by an exact English translation
- No graphics, folders or other embellishments are allowed
- Essays must not display editing by Parents, Teachers or Masonic Lodges

Judging Criteria:

- Spelling
- Grammar
- Neatness
- Creativity
- Awareness and understanding of subject
- Essays are judged without bias – handwritten, typed or computer printed

Sponsoring Masonic Lodge: _____

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