



Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons Public Schools Committee



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2017–2018 Grand Lodge Public Schools Programs

American Education Week November 13-17, 2017

MWGM Scott Thomas will issue an Edict proclaiming November 13-17, 2017 as Public Schools Week

- All Lodges are to observe Public Schools Week
- Lodges are encouraged to plan activities to include Public Schools
- Lodges are required to hold Stated Meetings during the week if scheduled
- Lodges may preform Masonic Services for deceased Masons

Essay Contest Criteria

(Please add your Lodge contact information to the Essay Contest Guidelines document for distribution to the Schools for use by the Classroom Teacher)

- Students in grades 3 through 8 may enter the contest
- Only one essay per student
- Essays are to be submitted to the Lodges no later than November 17, 2017
- Winning Essays at the Lodge level are to be submitted to the GL Public Schools Committee no later than December 15, 2017 (Please mail essays to the above listed address for Jim Baker)
- Lodges may submit their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade level for Statewide judging
- Monetary awards for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades: 1st place \$75, 2nd place \$50 and 3rd place \$40
- Monetary awards for 6th, 7th and 8th grades: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50
- Certificates for all winners
- The committee will deliver or mail the state awards to the lodges no later than January 19, 2018
- Each lodge will be asked to present the Grand Lodge Awards (GL Public Schools Committee will try to be present at all award presentations if possible)
- Each lodge will be responsible for local awards and asked to inform the GL Public Schools Committee of the date and time of their event as soon as possible.
- Judging: Each participating Lodge will be asked to select one Brother from their lodge to be on the State wide judging committee.
- Essays for all grade levels will be scanned and electronically sent to all judges for their selections.
- Topics: Grades 3 through 5
 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
 1. Name two events in United States History and explain why they are important
 2. Name two events in United States History and explain why they are important to you

Classroom Grant Criteria

(Please add your Lodge contact information to the Classroom Grant Guidelines document and Grant Request form for distribution to the Schools for Classroom Teacher use)

- Grants are intended to be for the Classroom and used by the Teacher and students to aid in learning such as: programs, books, classroom supplies, computer aids, etc.
- K through 8th grade Classroom Teachers are eligible
- Only one grant request per Teacher
- Each Lodge may submit two grant requests
- Grants will range from \$50 to \$250 maximum
- The number of grants awarded will depend on the amount of each grant. Total budget is \$2,500.00
- Grants awarded will be evenly distributed around the State.
- Lodges will be asked to present the GL Classroom grants (GL Public Schools Committee will try to attend all local presentations)

Lodge Year End Recap Form

- Each participating Lodge will be asked to submit a year end recap form of their Public Schools Program
- Recap form will be distributed to the participating Lodges by March 1, 2018
- Recap forms are due to the GL Public Schools Committee no later than April 15, 2018

Implementation of Program

- Public Schools Committee will be available to answer questions from the Lodges and Schools as needed.
- The committee will try to attend all award presentations and assist the Lodges with contacting the Schools.
- DDGM's will be asked to introduce and promote the program and refer questions to the committee.
- Program information will be distributed to the Lodges electronically by either the Committee or Gr Secretary and be available on the GL website.
- Program dates for essay and classroom grants submission's and awards judging and presentations.
 - GL Public Schools Program available to Lodges by Jun 5, 2017
 - Start date for the Essay Contest and Grant Requests will be the start of the 2017-18 School Year.
 - Essays and Grant requests are due to the Lodges by November 17, 2017
 - Essays and Grant requests are due to the GL Public Schools committee by December 15, 2017
 - Essay awards and Classroom Grants will be delivered to the Lodges by January 19, 2018
 - Lodge recap form will be distributed by March 1, 2018
 - Lodge recap forms are due to the GL Public Schools Committee by April 15, 2018

Please submit Essays, Grant requests and Recap form to:

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