Virginia War Memorial 2020 Veterans Day Essay Contest

Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. This contest is open to all Virginia Middle and High School public, private, or homeschooled students. A winning entry will be chosen from each age group (grades 6-8 and 9-12).

2. Submissions must be between 500-750 words and use at least one primary source. Students must properly cite their sources in a bibliography (APA or MLA style) and include the bibliography with their submission.

3. Entries will be judged on clarity of thought, proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation, and adherence to the contest theme and guidelines.

4. Entries are due Sunday, October 11, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. Entries received after this time will not be considered.

5. Entries should be submitted via email, with a completed Student Information Page (below), to Morgan Guyer at morgan.guyer@dvs.virginia.gov with the subject line “Essay Submission.” Essays may also be submitted through the Virginia War Memorial Foundation website (https://vawarmemorial.org/learn/contests-scholarships/essay/).

6. First place winners (in the grades 6-8 and 9-12 categories) will receive a $200 gift card and their teacher will receive a $100 gift card for classroom use. Winners will also be invited to read their winning essays aloud at the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2020.

7. By submitting an entry, the student agrees that the work is original, and unassisted. The Virginia War Memorial Foundation holds the right to publish any submissions to this contest on its website and in other print materials (with credit to the author).

Contact Morgan Guyer, Assistant Director of Education, at morgan.guyer@dvs.virginia.gov or 804.786.9700 with any questions.
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Student Information Page

Please fill out and send to morgan.guyer@dvs.virginia.gov along with your completed essay.

1. Name of the Student ____________________________________________________________

2. Student’s Email Address: ______________________________________________________

3. Student’s Phone Number: ______________________________________________________

4. School: ______________________________________________________________________

5. County: ______________________________________________________________________

6. Grade Level: __________________________________________________________________

7. Teacher’s Name: __________________________________________________________________

8. Teacher’s Email Address: ______________________________________________________

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that this submission is original and unassisted. I agree to all the Contest Rules and Guidelines set out by the Virginia War Memorial.

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Student signature                                   Date

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