



## **Virginia War Memorial Veterans Day Essay Contest 2022**

### **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, adherence to the contest theme and guidelines, and proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
4. Entries are due by Wednesday, October 16 by 11:59 p.m. Entries received after this time will not be considered.
5. Entries should be submitted via the Virginia War Memorial's website (<https://vawarmemorial.org/learn/contests-scholarships/essay/>)
6. First place winners (in the grades 6-8 and 9-12 categories) will receive a prize package sponsored by the Virginia War Memorial Foundation 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 Friday, November 11, 2022.
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).

Please contact Assistant Director of Education Crystal Coon ([crystal.coon@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:crystal.coon@dvs.virginia.gov)) with any questions.

The essay contest is sponsored by the Virginia War Memorial Foundation, which proudly supports the Virginia War Memorial in its efforts to preserve the stories of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice, to honor all veterans and active-duty military, and to inspire love of country through education.