



## Virginia War Memorial's 2024 Veterans Day Essay 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 Sunday, October 20, 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 through McDonalds of Richmond and Hampton Roads. Winners will also be invited to read their winning essays aloud at the Commonwealth of Virginia's Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2023.
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 Lizzie Oglesby (Elizabeth.Oglesby@dvs.virginia.gov) with any questions.**

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