



AMERICAN HERITAGE, PRESERVATION AND PATRIOTISM ESSAY PROGRAM



Dear Lions and Lionesses,

Last year's Essay Contest Chair, Sandy Moore pointed out that in 1967, District Governor J. Franklin Shank started the American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism Essay Contest and that Lion Dennis N. Yingling from the Westminster Lions Club was the first district chairman. I have participated in a half dozen of these contests and have enjoyed it more each time. This year, DG Evan asked me to chair this event and I am honored to present this year's rules and topics.

Within District 22-W there are more than 100,000 students in public, private, charter, parochial or home school programs. This program provides an excellent opportunity to engage with the youth of your area and to expand their horizons with respect to creative writing skills and history. Each club president is requested to appoint a Lion/Lioness to coordinate this program and to forward the name of the essay coordinator to your zone chair.

You can generate interest in this program by providing information regarding this contest to the schools in your area and by sending news releases to your local media. Also, please encourage your Lions/Lioness club members to participate in this contest by discussing the program at your club's meetings and by including information in your club's newsletter.

The guidelines and timeframe for submission are in the Essay Program Rules sheet – attached.

I am available to assist in promoting the program or to answer any questions.

Yours in Lionism,

Doug Favorite



American Heritage, Preservation & Patriotism Essay Contest 2019-2020



Topics for this year are as follows:

Elementary Grades: If I had ridden with Paul Revere...

Middle School: Why I'm Proud to be an American

High School: How did the American home front support the war effort during WWII?

Adult: It's 1917, the US has entered WWI and the first Lions Club has started. How did each change the world?

**Essay Program Rules for Participation
Each Entry Must Comply with the Following**

Each entry must comply with the following rules for participation:

- Use 8 ½" by 11" white paper
- Essay must be either typed or computer generated and double spaced. Handwritten copies will not be accepted.
- Minimum of 300 words, maximum of 500 words
- Attach a separate cover sheet which includes the following information
 - entrant's name
 - entrant's home address including street, city, state and zip code
 - entrant's home phone number
 - name of school or "home schooled" (except for Adults)
 - name of sponsoring club

Essays in each category are to be judged by the sponsoring club. Winners should be recognized by your club once the essays have been judged at the club level and a suitable prize and certificate given to the winner.

Each club's winning essays in each category (elementary, middle, high and adult) are to be submitted to the zone chairman by February 7, 2020. The Zone Chair will evaluate the essays and submit one winning essay in each category to the Region Chair by February 21, 2020. The Region Chair will evaluate the essays, as submitted by their Zone Chairs, and will submit one essay in each category to the District Chair, Doug Favorite by February 28, 2020.

Winners at the district level will be requested to read their essays at the fourth cabinet meeting on April 4th, 2020. District winners will be presented with a U.S. flag and a \$100 cash award.

The district will cover the cost of the meal for all district winners. Please advise all district winners that their families (parents, grandparents, siblings, etc.) will have to pay for their own meals at the cabinet meeting.



American Heritage, Preservation & Patriotism Essay Contest Topics 2019-2020



(Sample News Release)*

American Heritage, Preservation, & Patriotism 2019-2020 Essay Contest

The (*insert Club's name*) Lions Club and the Lions Clubs of District 22-W know that our citizens are more aware and more patriotic than many Americans. This year, our American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay contest focuses on national unity and patriotism. The (*insert Club's name*) Lions Club is sponsoring an essay contest for students and adults.

The American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay topics for 2019-2020 are as follows:

Elementary Grades: If I had ridden with Paul Revere...

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 - name of sponsoring club

Those interested in participating should forward their essay to the (*insert Club's name and mailing address*). The deadline for entry is (*insert deadline*).

(*Please delete information in parenthesis and bold italic print after you have added your own club's specific information, including this section.)



American Heritage, Preservation & Patriotism Essay Contest 2019-2020



(Sample Letter to Schools)*

Dear Educator,

The (*insert Club's name*) Lions Club and the Lions Clubs of District 22-W know that our citizens are more aware and more patriotic than many Americans. This year, our American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay contest focuses on history and creative writing. The (*insert Club's name*) Lions Club is sponsoring an essay contest for students and adults.

The American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay topics for 2019-2020 are as follows: (***Select those grade levels that apply to the school***)*

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