



AMERICAN HERITAGE, PRESERVATION AND PATRIOTISM ESSAY PROGRAM



Dear Lions and Lionesses,

As we gradually try to find our “new normal,” we, as Lions, seem to find ourselves refocusing on volunteerism. Our DG’s theme this year is “A Celebration of Service” and in keeping with that theme, did you know that Benjamin Franklin is credited with starting volunteering in America in 1736? Isn’t it amazing to realize that volunteering has been a part of the American way of life for 285 years now?! So, this years Essay themes will be based around that idea. As we get back to the roots of our contest which include; heritage, preservation and patriotism, I hope you will encourage your communities (young and old) to consider taking part in our essay contest.

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 and cc me at doug.favorite@gmail.com

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 2020-2021



Topics for this year are as follows:

Elementary Grades (1-5): You are a mouse in the pocket of Benjamin Franklin in 1776. Describe your day with him.

Middle School (6-8): Pick a quote from Benjamin Franklin and explain how it can still influence your life, today.

High School (9-12): Volunteerism in America started with Benjamin Franklin in 1736. How can **YOU** keep the tradition of Volunteerism alive in our country today?

Adult: The US has a strong tradition of volunteering beginning in 1736 with Benjamin Franklin. In the spirit of Benjamin Franklin and his tradition of invention, develop a new Service Project and map out its details.

**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 chair by January 15, 2022. The Zone Chair will evaluate the essays and submit one winning essay in each category to the Region Chair by January 26, 2022. 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 4, 2022.

Winners at the district level will be requested to read their essays at the fourth cabinet meeting on March 5, 2022. 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 2020-2021



(Sample News Release)*

American Heritage, Preservation, & Patriotism 2021-2022 Essay Contest

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The ***(insert Club's name)*** Lions Club is sponsoring the essay contest for local students and adults.

The American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay topics for 2021-2022 are as follows:

- Elementary Grades (1-5): You are a mouse in the pocket of Benjamin Franklin in 1776. Describe your day with him.
- Middle School (6-8): Pick a quote from Benjamin Franklin and explain how it can still influence your life, today.
- High School (9-12): Volunteerism in America started with Benjamin Franklin in 1736. How can **YOU** keep the tradition of Volunteerism alive in our country today?
- Adult: The US has a strong tradition of volunteering beginning in 1736 with Benjamin Franklin. In the spirit of Benjamin Franklin and his tradition of invention, develop a new Service Project and map out its details.

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Those interested in participating should forward their essay to the ***(insert Club's name and mailing address)***. The deadline for entry is ***(insert the local 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 2021-2022



(Sample Letter to School's)*

Dear Educator,

The ***(insert Club's name)*** Lions Club and the Lions Clubs of District 22-W know that our citizens are more creative and better writers than many other communities across America. This year, our American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay contest focuses on history, creative writing and critical thinking. The ***(insert Club's name)*** Lions Club is sponsoring an essay contest for local students and adults.

The American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay topics for 2021-2022 are as follows: ***(Select those grade levels that apply to the school)****

- Elementary Grades (1-5): You are a mouse in the pocket of Benjamin Franklin in 1776. Describe your day with him.
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Those interested in participating should forward their essay to the ***(insert Club's name and mailing and/or email address)***. The deadline for entry is ***(insert local deadline)***.

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