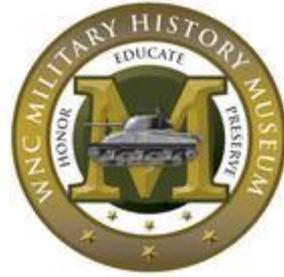


Western North Carolina Military History Museum



Family Patriotic Pride “Why My Family and I Are Proud of the USA”

Patriotic Essay Writing Contest

First Prize: \$100

Second Prize \$50

Third Prize: \$25

Who? Transylvania County Students from grades 8 through 12 are invited to enter. Homeschoolers too! Students must be citizens or lawful U.S. permanent residents.

What? Write a 300-400 word essay (should fit one typed page) on the topic:
“Why My Family and I Are Proud of the USA”

Students are encouraged to discuss this topic with their family: parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, or cousins (*especially family members who are military veterans or active military, if available*). The student is encouraged to include ideas from these other family members in the essay.

When? Deadline is **May 15, 2017**

How? Email entries as email attachments to
PatrioticEssayContest@gmail.com

The email must be received by midnight May 15, 2017.

WNC Military History Museum Patriotic Essay Contest Rules:

1. Only one entry per student. (essays from different students in the same family are encouraged, as long as the essays are written by the student who submits the essay.)
2. Essays become the property of the WNC Military History Museum, to be used in promotional materials for the museum.
3. Format: begin with a paragraph with one main idea, then two or three short paragraphs with two or three reasons (or examples) supporting the main idea, and a concluding paragraph that sums up the original main idea. Judges will expect the two or three reasons to logically support the main idea.
4. Essays are to be typed in English in Microsoft Word with no color or graphics. Minimum 300 words and maximum 400 words. The essay must be the contestants own words, although the ideas may represent the student's discussions of the topic with family members.
5. Essays are to be typed on page 2 of the entry form. Page 1 of the entry form will identify the student's name, grade, school and contact information.