

MEMORIAL DAY YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

open to all Clackamas County, Oregon area High School Students



AWARDS



\$500—FIRST Place

\$300—1st Runner-Up

\$200—2nd Runner-Up

A TOTAL OF 3 PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2017

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS on reverse



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2017 Essay Contest Announcement & Official Rules

Peake Funeral Chapel announces its annual Memorial Day Youth Essay Contest. The contest is open to all Clackamas County, Oregon area high school students. The purpose of the contest is to create an educational awareness involving youth in Clackamas County area communities so that they can learn more about the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Official Rules

- 1. Eligibility:** Entrants must be high school students enrolled in the Clackamas County, Oregon area School District. Entries from private, charter and home schools will also be accepted.
- 2. Format:** Entries must be presented in the format of a **Personal Essay**, between 500-525 words, using a double-spaced 12-point font and must include a bibliography (not included in the word count).
- 3. Topic:** “*The True Meaning of Memorial Day.*” Students are encouraged to discuss the essay theme with teachers, parents and friends. The essay should be positive and clearly focused on the theme. Teachers and parents may check essays, but the content of the essay must be that of the student.
- 4. Research:** Research is essential in creating a quality essay. Please cite library resources, Web URLs with access dates, and personal interviews.
- 5. Bibliography:** The bibliography must cite at least two references. Entries that do not include a bibliography will be disqualified.
- 6. Essay Entries:** Must be submitted and received between April 1 and April 30, 2017. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned, and they become the property of Peake Funeral Chapel. Entries cannot not be accepted by email. Essays should be mailed to: Peake Funeral Chapel, Attn: Steve Grabinski, 1925 SE Scott Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222. Entries must be accompanied by a 3x5 index card, attached but not stapled to essay containing the following information: contestant’s name, mailing address, phone number, name of school, grade level (ex: 8th grade; 10th grade), student ID number, and name of parent/guardian who will accompany contestant at the related Essay Contest Awards Ceremony.
- 7. Evaluation Process:** Winning essays will be selected on the following basis:
 - >25 points—Originality and creativity
 - >25 points—Compliance with the assigned topic
 - >20 points—Factual accuracy
 - >15 points—Grammar and organization of content
 - >15 points—Scope of research
- 8. Awards:** \$500 will be awarded to one high school first place winner; \$300 will be awarded to one first place runner-up and \$200 will be awarded to one second place runner-up. Each winner and his/her parent/guardian must be present to receive their prize.

Final judging and selection of winners will be made by a committee selected by Peake Funeral Chapel. Decision of judges are final. Results will be announced at the related Essay Contest Awards Ceremony taking place at Peake Funeral Chapel, 1925 SE Scott Street, Milwaukie, OR 97222. Refreshments will follow. Winning essays will be featured on the Peake Funeral Chapel website, social media page and other related print and electronic media.

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