



## Veterans Day Essay Contest 2022

Sponsored by The Historical Society of Orange Park  
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**I. Contest Label Form and Publicity Release Form:** All entries must be accompanied by a fully completed "Publicity Release Form." One overall contest label form should be completed for each school submitting bulk entries.

**II. Contest Theme:** The theme for the Essay Contest reflects the importance of celebrating veterans and Veterans Day. Each Essay Contest student, using their own words and creativity, will tell a personal story about how veterans have made an impact in their life, neighborhood, or town. Essays should clearly address the prompt. Interviewing family veterans is encouraged.

**III. Contest Deadline:** All essay entries must be received by September 30, 2022. Winners will be notified by October 28, 2022. Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified.

**IV. Contest Grade Categories and Topics:** The 2022 topic for all three grade level competitions. The contests will be evaluated in the following grade-related categories:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Word Limits:</u>	<u>Prize Offered</u>	<u>Prompt</u>
4th –6th	300-500	\$50	<i>Why are veterans special?</i>
7th –8th	400-700	\$75	<i>Write about an American who served in the United States military who inspires you.</i>
9th -12th	500-1000	\$100	<i>Why are the words "Duty, Honor, Country" important today?</i>

**V. Essay Specifications:** Essay entries can be electronically written (Word or Docs) or handwritten neatly on white 8½" X 11" lined paper and must be in English. Please have students write on one side of the paper only. Hand-writing on entries should be dark enough to be reproduced so that the judges will have a good copy to read. Please use ink, not pencil. All essays must be the work of only one (1) student, consisting of the student's own words, thoughts, and creativity. Electronic submissions are accepted. Teachers may choose to scan all their entries per school to submit as one PDF. Note: Upon submission, all essays become property of the Society.

**VI. Eligibility:** The contest is open to students in Grades 4-12 who are enrolled in public and private schools and home-schooled students living in Clay County.

**VII. Judging:** The decision of the adjudication panel is final. Each essay will be judged by rubric: Understanding of prompt (50%), Content of writing (25%) Creativity of writing (25%).

**VIII. Awards:** Two student finalists from each of the three grade categories will be awarded a certificate of merit. The winning student from each grade category will be presented with a special plaque and a check during the town's annual live Veterans Day event.

Students winning in each first-place grade level will be asked to read their essays as part of the town's Veterans Day ceremony at the Magnolia Cemetery's Veterans Memorial, 1040 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, 11/11/2022, arriving by 10:45 AM for the ceremony which starts at 11 AM.

*Note: The Historical Society of Orange Park assumes no responsibility for essay submissions. Winning entrants agree that Historical Society of Orange Park has the right to use, without further permission and/or compensation, their essays for promotion of Veterans Day, or other related use. Submissions will not be returned.*



# Veterans Day 2022 *Publicity Release Form*

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**PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM AND PRINT NEATLY**



**Mail to:** Cynthia Cheatwood

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Entries can also be scanned and emailed to [cynthia.cheatwood@myoneclay.net](mailto:cynthia.cheatwood@myoneclay.net)

**Email questions to:** [info@ophistory.org](mailto:info@ophistory.org)

**Entries must be received by September 30, 2022.**

## **Student Information (please use an ink pen)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Teacher/School Information**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the contest guidelines and affirm that this entry is in compliance with them. Entries must be original work, created by the student during the current school year, never have been published in any other medium, and the entrant must own all rights to reproduce the entries in any medium without restriction. All expenses involved in preparing and submitting an essay are the responsibility of the entrant. Entry into this contest constitutes permission for the essay and author, to be photographed for publicity purposes and for the work to be reproduced in any medium without time, use or territorial limitation as long as such is for noncommercial purposes without any additional compensation to the child, teacher, parents, or legal guardians. All federal, state, and local regulations apply. Void where prohibited by law.

Signature of Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Veterans Day Essay 2022 Contest Label Form for Teachers

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Entries must be received by September 30, 2022.

Teachers sending in batches of essays (please limit to 25 per school), complete this form and paperclip/ rubber band it with the bundle of printed entries. Please do not staple.

If you are submitting scans of the essays, please be sure they can be read clearly once scanned and include a scan of this completed form with your school's entries.

Number of entries in batch: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Teacher's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Contact Information (email): \_\_\_\_\_

First Place-winning students and runner-up should plan to meet representatives of the Society at the site of the Veterans Memorial at 1039 Kingsley Avenue (across from Clarke Park), near the entrance of Magnolia Cemetery on Thursday, November 11th for our ceremony. All are free to bring family members and there will be some great photo opportunities. First place winners at each level (Elem, JH, SH) will read their essays. We ask that they dress nicely and arrive by 10:45 am. Certificates, plaques and checks will be presented at that time. Following the ceremony everyone is invited across the street for refreshments inside the historic Clarke House. Seats will up fast so you may want to have your family members bring fold-out chairs if you have them. Bringing lawn chairs is encouraged. Members of the press will be on hand as well and may want to ask students for comments.