

7th and 8th Grade Writing Contest Information

Two \$250 scholarships are offered in memory of Keith and Ken Graybeal and are administered through the Philipsburg Area Education Foundation (PAEF). The intent of these scholarships and required essays are to get students writing, learning and looking forward to the next level of training needed to be successful adults.

ELIGIBILITY:

This contest is open to all 7th/8th grade students with residency in Granite County and Helmville. LATE and/or INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS shall not be considered. Essays using AI will not be accepted.

TOPIC: The Advantages of Living in a Small Town

How has living in a small town impacted your life and how you view the world? How has living in a small town impacted your plans for your future and your future education?

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete the Graybeal Scholarship Application
2. Write an essay of 250 – 500 words in length on the given topic
3. Essays must have a title that reflects the essay content – NOT the same words as the topic.
4. Essay must be type-written using a standard size 12 font and double-space
5. Essay must be a narrative-type, reflecting Montana Standards for Writing for Grade 7. Refer to the rubric for evaluation: DO NOT print the evaluation rubric pages for submission
6. Essays will be put through an AI detector and any essay that has AI detected will not be eligible for award.

EVALUATION:

One student essay from each Granite County middle school shall be chosen by their school's selection process and forwarded for final evaluation and award through the Essay Contest Scholarship Committee. Please submit your school's final essays digitally to: holly.graybeal@gmail.com by the last Friday in March. Please put 7th and 8th grade essay contest (and your school's name)' into the subject line. At this point all essays will be put through an AI detector. Any essays that have AI detected will be disqualified.

AWARD:

The winning student shall receive a cash award. The winning student must give consent to PAEF to publish their name and essay in their newsletter and news releases.