

9th and 10th Grade Writing Contest Information

This \$250 contest is administered through the Philipsburg Area Education Foundation (PAEF). The intent of this contest and required essay is to get students writing, learning, and looking forward to the next level of training needed to be successful adults. It is the intent of PAEF to make two awards. One will be in the Philipsburg/Georgetown area and one in the Drummond/Hall area.

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to all 9th/10th grade students with residency in Granite County. LATE and/or INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND ESSAYS shall not be considered. Essays using AI will not be accepted.

TOPIC: Changes each year and will be attached.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete the Scholarship Application
2. Write an essay of at least 500 words in length on the given topic
3. Essay must have a title that reflects the essay content
4. Essay must be typed using a standard size 12 font and double-spaced
5. Essay must be persuasive, reflecting Montana Standards for Writing for Grades 9/10
6. Refer to the rubric for evaluation; DO NOT print the evaluation rubric sheets for submission
7. Essays will be put through an AI detector and any essay that has AI detected will not be eligible for award.

EVALUATION: Up to three essays from each Granite County high school shall be chosen by their school's selection process and forwarded for final evaluation and award through a committee composed of community members. Please submit your school's final essays digitally to: holly.graybeal@gmail.com by the last Friday in March. Please put '9th and 10th 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 will receive a cash award. The winning student must give consent to PAEF to publish their name and essay in their newsletter and news releases.