

Cole Land Transportation Museum's **Freedom Essay Contest**

**For Students That Take Part In The
Veteran Interview Program**



On Veterans Day, we recognize the men and women who have served in our armed forces. We should never forget that **FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!** We have so much for which to be thankful. We provide the opportunity for young adults to interview these icons of living history at our Museum.

Topic—"What Freedom Means to me After Interviewing a Veteran"

Categories—The Museum must receive a minimum of two (2) schools or six (6) essays in a category to be judged or the category may be dropped for that year.

Category "A" = Grades 6 - 8

Category "B" = Grades 9 - 12

Entries—After interviewing veterans at the Cole Land Transportation Museum, each participating school may submit **three (3) essays only** that score a four or above on the MEA scoring guide in the appropriate category.

All students submitting essays must be attending school in Maine or be enrolled in an accredited home school program during the current school year.

All finalists **MUST BE PRESENT** along with their teacher to read their essay and accept their award (barring illness) at the Museum on Veterans Day at 1:00pm.

Deadlines—Spring Entries (for Veteran Interviews conducted in the Spring): Must be in a 9" x 12" envelope postmarked or delivered to the Museum no later than June 20th of that year. **Fall Entries** (for Veteran Interviews conducted in the Fall): Must be in a 9" x 12" envelope postmarked or delivered to the Museum no later than October 31st of that year.

Mailing Address:

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Structure of Essay

1. Separate cover page which includes:
 - Student Name
 - Category
 - Name of School
 - Teacher's Name
 - Veteran's Name
2. Essay must be typed and double spaced
3. Content and pages of the essay (cover page excluded) are to have no indication of student's name, teacher, school or town of residence.

Judging

- All essays will be judged on content, impact and originality. A volunteer panel of teachers utilizes the MEA scoring rubric when judging those participating in the essay contest.
- Finalists will be contacted no later than Nov. 8th
- There will be three (3) finalists in each category:

First Place: iPad

Second Place: Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Third Place: Kindle Fire

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