

MEMORIAL DAY YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

open to all Daviess County, Indiana 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

Gill Funeral Service announces its annual Memorial Day Youth Essay Contest. The contest is open to all Daviess County, IN area high school students. The purpose of the contest is to create an educational awareness involving youth in Daviess County 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 Daviess, IN 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 Gill Funeral Service. Essays should be mailed or delivered in person to: Gill Funeral Service, Attn: Jennifer Wheeler, 308 East Walnut Street, Washington, IN 47501. Entries cannot be accepted by email. 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, taking place on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Daviess County Courthouse, 200 E Walnut Street, Washington, IN 47501.
- 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 Gill Funeral Service. Decision of judges are final. Results will be announced at the May 29th Essay Contest Awards Ceremony taking place at 11:00 AM at Daviess County Courthouse, 200 East Walnut St, Washington, IN 47501. Winning essays will be featured on the Gill Funeral Service website, social media page and other related print and electronic media.

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