

YOUTH writing contest



This year, share your love for America by writing an essay, poem, or short story expressing what patriotism means to you.

Your entry can be a real or fictional experience. You might portray emotions you have felt on Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, or Flag Day, while at a sports game during the National Anthem, or while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. You might express your emotion about a family member in the military or how you felt after hearing about the 9/11 tragedy.

Prizes include cash, your photo in the *Fraternal Herald*, and your entry posted on www.wflains.org.

Winners will be chosen in three age groups. The Prizes are:

Category 1 – Ages 8-10	Category 2 – Ages 11-13	Category 3 – Ages 14-16
First - \$25	First - \$30	First - \$50
Second - \$15	Second - \$20	Second - \$30
Third - \$10	Third - \$15	Third - \$20

What Can be Entered:

An essay, poem, or short story up to 200 words. Work will be judged on adherence to a patriotic theme, creativity, and originality.

General Rules:

1. Author must be a member of wfla between the ages of 8-16.
2. Entry must be received by November 1, 2010.
3. Contestants may submit two entries but may qualify for only one prize.
4. Winners will be announced in the December *Fraternal Herald*.

How Do I Enter:

Entries are due November 1, 2010. Entries need to include a school photo (if possible), along with your name, address, phone number, and wfla lodge number. Please submit either handwritten on lined paper or typed on an 8½ x 11 sheet. Include the story or poem title.

Send all entries to:

WFLA Youth Writing Contest
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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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