



City of Novi Veterans Day Essay Contest

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Attention High School Students!

Participate in our Veterans Day essay contest by choosing one of three meaningful themes to express your thoughts and appreciation for our veterans.

Select from the following themes:

1. Letters to a Veteran: Expressing Gratitude

Compose a letter to a veteran, either someone you know or an anonymous hero, expressing your thanks for their service. Highlight the personal impact their sacrifices have made on your life and the lives of others in the community.

2. What Freedom Means to Me

Discuss the freedoms you value most and how they are protected by veterans' sacrifices. Reflect on how different life might be without these freedoms, and why it is essential to honor those who have served.

3. The Values Veterans Teach Us

Write about the core values that military service instills, such as courage, loyalty, and dedication. Provide examples of how these values are exemplified in veterans and why they are important for maintaining a strong society.

Eligibility: Open exclusively to high school students that live, work, or attend school in the City of Novi.

Submission requirements: All entries must be received by 8:00am, Monday, October 21. Submit your essays in PDF format via email to kkieser@cityofnovi.org. The subject of the email should be, "2024 Veterans Day Essay."

Word Limit: 300-500 words

Formatting Requirements: Submit essays typed in 12-point Century Gothic font and saved in PDF format. Use the provided prompt as your title.

Originality: All submissions must be the original work of the student. AI-generated content and plagiarism are strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification. Entries will be checked for originality to maintain the contest's integrity.

Judging Criteria: Essays will be judged on clarity, relevance to theme, originality, and emotional impact.

Prize: Winners will have the unique honor of reading their essays aloud at the Veterans Day Celebration on November 7, 2024. Additionally, winning essays will be included in the event's program materials. Essay reading will be at approximately 12:45 pm.

Judging Panel:

Justin Fischer, Mayor, City of Novi

Mike Longo, Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 1519

Julie Farkas, Library Director, Novi Library

For More Information: Contact Kit Kieser, Older Adults Services Manager, at kkieser@cityofnovi.org.

