



STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade

On Saturday, November 7, 2026, The City of Bowling Green-Warren County will join together to put on the **Annual Veterans Parade** to show our appreciation for all the Veterans and their families who have served our country so well. Festivities this year will include an essay contest for local 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

Each essay will be judged and three winners will be recognized by riding in the parade. Following the parade, the students will be asked to read his/her essay at the flag raising ceremony; located at the Military Memorial Monument, Warren County Courthouse Courtyard at 429 East 10th Avenue. After the essay has been read, the three winners (one from each grade) will receive a check for \$200.00 by the American Legion Post 23 Auxiliary.

Type or Print:

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

School Name _____ Word Count _____

Teacher's Name _____

Topic:

"What the 250th Birthday of America Means to Me?"

Each essay length minimum is 250 words and maximum is 500 words. It should include the student's name, grade, teacher's name, word count and school on their submission. Entry **deadline is Friday, October 16, 2026.**

If you are a teacher with essays to submit, please email completed essays to bgpr@bgky.org. A designated committee will review each essay and decide on the winners. **The winners will be announced no later than Monday, October 26.**

Winner's Award:

Three winners, one from each grade, will be recognized by riding in the parade as one of the VIPs and each winner will receive \$200.00 dollars from the American Legion Post 23 Auxiliary.