

Pueblo Home of Heroes Association GRADES 6-12 ESSAY CONTEST 2026

STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Teachers:

Classroom discussion: Discuss the importance of the Declaration of Independence as the first formal statement to England that the American Colonies will no longer accept the rule of King George III and the British Government. The Colonies will now live together under a democratic government and become known as the United States of America.

Students:

Preamble to the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"

Prompt:

After learning about the beginning of the Colonies' new government and Declaration, write an essay about your thoughts on what the underlined statements in the Preamble above mean to you, and the effect they have had on our country.



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**Deadline to enter:
Feb. 27, 2026**

Pueblo Home of Heroes Association 18th Annual Essay Contest

This **COMPLETED** form **MUST** accompany the entry. All information is required so winners can be notified.

GRADE: 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____ TEACHER NAME: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: _____ Entry contains _____ words. Number of pages: _____

GUIDELINES

Essay length:

- 400-700 words for grades 6-8
- 500-1,000 words for grades 9-12

Format: One copy of entry with entry form stapled in top, left-hand corner. **All entries must be typed.**

JUDGING

Pueblo Home of the Heroes Association Judging Committee will award first, second, and third place in each category: 6-8 grade and 9-12 grade.

PRIZES

Winners will receive a booklet of the winning entries, a certificate of achievement and a cash prize!

1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$75, 3rd Place - \$50

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How to submit entries: Drop off at any library location, submit online or mail to:

Pueblo City-County Library District
Attn: Community Relations
100 E. Abriendo Ave.
Pueblo, CO 81004