



# Town of Penfield 2024 Memorial Day Essay Contest

*In partnership with American Legion Braman Post 1229*

**Deadline: May 3, 2024**

All students, grades 6-8, in all Penfield schools, or who are Penfield residents, are invited to submit essays to compete in the Town of Penfield annual Memorial Day Essay Contest.

## **ESSAY TOPIC: *How Are You Inspired by America?***

Essays should be 500 words or less, typed at 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, and no more than two (2) pages in length. **Please do not put names directly on the entry.** Please submit the enclosed entry form, attached to essay, for identification.

Essays are judged by a panel and each entry is ranked for excellence by each judge. All entries are marked only with a number for identification before being sent to the judges, to assure fairness.

**The top three entries will receive cash awards:**

**1<sup>st</sup> place: \$150 | 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$125 | 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$100**

*Winners must be able to be present at the Town of Penfield's Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27 to be eligible to win.*

All entries must be submitted to the Town of Penfield. Please send entries to:

**Memorial Day Essay Contest  
c/o Penfield Recreation  
1985 Baird Rd.  
Penfield, NY 14526**

All entries become property of the Town of Penfield. Any questions can be answered by calling (585) 340-8651.

Thank you for participating!

Sincerely,

**Sabrina Renner**  
Recreation Supervisor  
Penfield Recreation

**Town of Penfield**  
**2024 Memorial Day Essay Contest**  
**APPLICATION**

Entries **MUST** be in essay form, **500** words or less in length, size **12 Times New Roman** font,  
double spaced.

**Important:** DO NOT put your name directly on the essay. Please staple this form to your essay. This allows us to impartially evaluate all entries. Entries with names will lose points.

*\*Please print clearly\**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

All entries become the property of Town of Penfield. Mail entries to: Memorial Day Essay Contest, c/o Penfield Recreation, 1985 Baird Rd., Penfield, New York 14526. **Entries must be postmarked by May 3, 2024.** Teachers may use this as a class project and mail all entries in together.

Essays will be judged by the following criteria:

- Readability (reader friendly)
- Structure & Detail - opening sentence clearly defines topic, closing sentence summarizes presentation, supporting sentences support first sentence (who, what, where, when, why and how), paragraphs logically separate ideas/topics.

Decisions are final. All judging inquiries should be directed to Sabrina at Penfield Recreation – (585) 340-8651.

**Winners must be able to read their essay personally at Penfield’s Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27.**