

Michigan Remembers 9-11 2019 Scholarship Essay Contest

General Description

The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund will accept submissions for its 2019-2020 Michigan Remembers 9-11 Essay Contest from Monday, September 9, 2019 through Friday, November 1, 2019. High school juniors and seniors in Michigan are encouraged to submit an original essay on their reflections and research on the impacts of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C., and Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Topic

Reflect on how the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 impacted one of the following: you personally, a family member or friend, your community, or the nation as a whole.

Requirements

Essays submitted for the 2019 contest will be accepted Monday, September 9, 2019 through Friday, November 1, 2019. Essays received after 11:59 pm November 1, 2018 will not be accepted.

Essays can be no more than 1,000 words. Titles, citations, and bibliographies are not included in the word count.

Essays must be the original work of the student.

Eligible entrants include any Michigan student in their junior or senior year who is enrolled in a Michigan public or private high school, or being home schooled.

Essays must be submitted via e-mail or regular mail to the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund.

Essays must include an Essay Contest Cover Sheet Form that includes the essay title, submittal date, student's name and school (or city/town if home schooled), student's age, student's address, phone and e-mail address, and student and parental copyright consent. In addition to submitting the completed cover sheet with the essay, an original (with signatures) must be either scanned and e-mailed with the essay, faxed to the Fund at (517) 333-7058, or mailed to the Fund's office.

Essays must be submitted in MS Word, with 12 point Times New Roman font, 1.15 line spacing, and 1" margins on all sides.

Judging Criteria

Judging will be performed anonymously by professional educators, writers, and volunteers for the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund. Judges will not include those from schools of submitting students, or who have personal knowledge of any of the entrants. Judges notes and scoring will not be available.

Awards will be based on how well the submitted essay meets the following criteria:

Demonstrates a clear understanding of the events of September 11, 2001.

Has a well-focused main idea that is developed throughout the paper.

Is organized in a logical manner.

Addresses questions of counter-arguments that a reader may have.

Has focused and well-structured paragraphs and sentences.

Incorporates quotes and original source material, when appropriate, to support main points.

Includes proper citation for all quotes and original source materials used.

Explains national, regional, or personal response(s) and/or specific aspects of responses to the events.

Provides thoughtful, original reflection on the events or the responses.

Uses correct syntax, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

An essay will be disqualified if it:

Is not on the topic.

Contains multiple spelling, grammatical, or other such errors.

Is not the student's original work.

Is not submitted by the deadline.

Does not meet the other requirements addressed in this notice.

Does not include a complete and accurate cover sheet.

Awards

Three cash awards will be given:

First Place: \$250.00

Second Place: \$150.00

Honorable Mention: \$100.00

Award winners will be notified via e-mail by the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund in November 2019.

Awards will be presented by the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund during a brief award ceremony in December 2019.

Copyright and Use of Submittals

Entrant guarantees that his/her essay does not infringe the copyright, trademarks, contract rights, or any other intellectual property rights of any third party or entity, or violate any person's right of privacy or publicity. Competition entrant grants to the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund permission, royalty-free in perpetuity, to use, reproduce, modify, publish, distribute, and otherwise exercise all copyright and publicity rights with respect to submitted works, in any media currently, including published books and promotional pieces. Authors are free to re-use their own material. Entrant further agrees to allow the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund permission to publicly release the entrant's name, city of residence, and photograph.

Essay Submission

Essays (with cover sheet) should be submitted by e-mail or postal mail. E-mail submissions should be sent to michiganremembers@gmail.com with the email subject "2019 Essay Contest Submission." Be sure to attach the cover sheet. Mailed submissions should be sent to the Fund at 1555 Watertower Place, Suite 100, East Lansing, MI 48823. Submission must be postmarked by November 1, 2019.

For further information: Please contact Lauren Branneman, Executive Director of the Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund, at (517) 333-6984 or michiganremembers@gmail.com with any questions.