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2023 American Ancestors Young Family Historians Essay Contest



The **2023 American Ancestors Young Family Historians Essay Contest** asks students across the nation to explore what they've learned about themselves, the community, and the nation by reflecting on a story from their personal family history. Students enrolled in grades 4–12 in public, private, parochial, and home schools across the nation are invited to participate.

We encourage teachers to use this essay contest as a class project. Use lessons from our free [Family History Curriculum](#) to help students explore their roots, and have students submit an essay as a final project.

Essay Question

Select and research a story from your family history. What have you learned about yourself, a community, and the nation from this story?

Prizes

Grades 4-6

- Winner (\$500)
- Semifinalist (\$250)

Grades 7-8

- Winner (\$500)
- Semifinalist (\$250)

Grades 9-12

- Winner (\$500)
- Semifinalist (\$250)

Each winner and semifinalists will receive a one-year, student membership to American Ancestors.

Submission Deadline:
April 1, 2023

Who is eligible?

Students currently enrolled in grades 4–12 in public, private, parochial, and home schools across the nation.

Submission Guidelines

- Grades 4-6: 500 words
- Grades 7-8: 750 words
- Grades 9-12: 1,000 words

Formatting

- Word counts are approximate
- Number all pages
- Double-spaced
- 12 pt Times New Roman
- 1-inch margins on all sides
- Submission file must be a PDF

Submit your entry at AmericanAncestors.org/Essay-Contest-2023