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2024 American Ancestors Young Family Historians Essay Contest



The **2024 American Ancestors Young Family Historians Essay Contest** is open for students enrolled in grades 4–12 in public, private, parochial, and home schools across the nation and US territories. This year's contest invites students to share a story from their personal family history and to explain how lessons from that story can apply to their life today.

We encourage teachers to use this essay contest as a class project. Our [Family History Curriculum](#) has everything you need to help students explore their roots, including inquiry-based lessons, teaching strategies, and editable student worksheets.

Essay Question

Share a story from your personal family history. What lessons have you learned from that story, and how can you apply those lessons to your life today?

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:
March 1, 2024

Who is eligible?

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

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-2024