Monmouth County Historical Commission

ESSAY CONTEST

The Monmouth County Historical Commission is pleased to announce an essay contest to promote student interest in historic preservation and family history.

CONTEST THEMES:

WRITE ABOUT A **MONMOUTH COUNTY** HISTORICAL PLACE THAT YOU HAVE VISITED AND HOW THAT PLACE HELPED YOU TO APPRECIATE OUR COUNTY'S HISTORY.

OR

1) WRITE ABOUT AN EVENT THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR FAMILY'S HISTORY (YOUR GRANDPARENTS' GENERATION OR EARLIER) AND TELL WHY.

ELIGIBILITY & RULES

1. **Entry is open to all Monmouth County fifth grade students.**

2. **Depict the above themes in about 300 words describing the place or family event and how it impacts your appreciation of Monmouth's history or your family history.**

3. **Students must write legibly in ink or type on one side of letter sized paper only. The back of the page must contain the student's name, age, school address, school telephone number and teacher's name. Do not place the student's name on the front page since the contest is judged anonymously. All submissions should include a title header about the subject matter.**

   TEACHERS: PLEASE ENCLOSE A LIST OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS' NAMES. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE AT https://www.co.monmouth.nj.us/page.aspx?ID=1831.

4. **DEADLINE - ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 26, 2027.**

5. **Mail Entries to:** **MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
   HALL OF RECORDS ANNEX, 2ND FLOOR
   1 EAST MAIN STREET
   FREEHOLD, NJ 07728
   Attn: Meg Sharp Walton

6. **All entries will become the property of the Monmouth County Historical Commission.**

7. **Places need not be major historical sites but should have some importance to history.**

8. **CRITERIA FOR JUDGING – WRITING SKILL (i.e., Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar) HISTORICAL ACCURACY AND NEATNESS.**

9. **IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE PROOFREAD BY A PARENT OR TEACHER, HOWEVER THE ESSAY MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE STUDENT ALONE.**

AWARDS

Awards will be presented as follows:

1ST PLACE - $100 Book Store Gift Card
2ND PLACE - $75 Book Store Gift Card
3RD PLACE - $50 Book Store Gift Card

All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.
Winners will be notified by May 2027 with a request for permission to use the student's name and image in County press releases.