

Dear 5th Grade Teacher,



The Florida Retired Educators Association is again sponsoring our Annual 5th Grade Essay Contest and would welcome your participation. We ask the students to describe an experience with a grandparent or an adult who has had an impact on their life in a positive way.

We hope you will be able to work our contest into your busy schedule and encourage your students to remember a special time in their life. The contest rules are attached, and your local contact is listed below.

Thank you for your consideration and happy writing.

Local FREA Unit
Local FREA Unit Contact
Phone #
Email
No Local Unit in your area? Please contact State Volunteer Services Chair, Monica Johnson who will work to ensure that your classroom students are included in the contest. cimabonniejean@outlook.com



FREA 5th Grade Essay Contest

5th Grade Teacher Guidelines

1. The student must describe an experience with a grandparent or an adult who has had an impact on their life in a positive way.
2. The essay must reflect the ideas, vocabulary, and efforts of the student acting alone. **NOTE: Essay must be authentic student work. Essays created by AI will not be judged.**
3. In-class writing is suggested.
4. Essay to be a maximum of 500 words, excluding a, an, and the.
5. The essay must have a detachable cover listing items in this order:
 1. Title
 2. Name of student
 3. Name of teacher,
 4. Name of school
 5. Name of county
 6. Number of words in essay.
6. The essay will be judged on:
 - a Originality,
 - b Adherence to the assigned topic,
 - c Development of theme,
 - d Correctness of grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
7. Submitting the Essays and Judging Steps:
 - a **Teachers** to submit all class essays to the Local Unit (If there is no Local FREA Unit, contact info is above.)
 - b One submitted essay from each FREA Local Unit is chosen as the winner for that FREA District. (10 Districts)
 - c The 10 winning District Essays are sent to the FREA State Judging Committee.
8. **On April 1, the FREA Districts and Local Units are notified** of the first, second and third place winners. The Winners will receive \$150, \$100 and \$50 respectively. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Essays will receive custom designed full color posters worthy of framing with their check. Prize money will be sent to the students in the first week of June.
9. The First-Place Essay will be read at the FREA Annual Convention.

Questions? Please contact Monica Johnson, FREA State Volunteer Services Chair at:

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Want to see last year's winners? Go to: <https://frea.org/5th-grade-essay-contest/>