

MEMORIAL DAY ESSAY CONTEST

open to all Springfield, Missouri area middle & high School Students

AWARDS

\$500—FIRST Place

\$200—1st Runner-Up

\$100—2nd Runner-Up

A TOTAL OF 6 PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

ENTRY DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2017

OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS on reverse

Sponsored by:



**Klingner-Cope
Community Outreach**

*Quality Healing Experiences
for Our Community*

Klingner-Cope Community Outreach is a program of:

Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Home at Rivermonte, 4500 S. Lone Pine Road, Springfield, MO 65804 (417) 887-1929
Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Home at White Chapel, 5234 W. State Highway EE, Springfield, MO 65802 (417) 866-5012
Eastlawn Funeral Home, 2244 E. Pythian St., Springfield, MO 65802 (417) 869-0483

klingnerfuneralhome.com



2017 Essay Contest Announcement & Official Rules



Klingner-Cope Community Outreach, a program of Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Homes announces its annual Memorial Day Youth Essay Contest. The contest is open to all Springfield, Missouri area middle and high school students. The purpose of the contest is to create an educational awareness involving youth in Springfield communities so that they can learn more about the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Official Rules

1. **Eligibility:** Entrants must be middle or high school students enrolled in the Springfield, MO area School District(s). Entries from private, charter and home schools will also be accepted.

2. **Format:** Entries must be presented in the format of a **Personal Essay**, between 500-525 words, using a double-spaced 12-point font and must include a bibliography (not included in the word count).

3. **Topic:** *“The True Meaning of Memorial Day”*. Students are encouraged to discuss the essay theme with teachers, parents and friends. The essay should be positive and clearly focused on the theme. Teachers and parents may check essays, but the content of the essay must be that of the student.

4. **Research:** Research is essential in creating a quality essay. Please cite library resources, Web URLs with access dates, and personal interviews.

5. **Bibliography:** The bibliography must cite at least two references. Entries that do not include a bibliography will be disqualified.

6. **Essay Entries:** Must be submitted and received between April 1 and April 30, 2017. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned, and they become the property of Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Homes. Essays should be mailed to: Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Home at Rivermonte, 4500 South Lone Pine Rd, Springfield, MO 65804. Entries must be accompanied by a 3x5 index card, attached but not stapled to essay containing the following information: contestant's name, mailing address, phone number, name of school, grade level (ex: 8th grade; 10th grade), student ID number, and name of parent/guardian who will accompany contestant at the May 29, 2017 Essay Contest Awards Ceremony.

7. **Evaluation Process:** Winning essays will be selected on the following basis:

>25 points—Originality and creativity

>25 points—Compliance with the assigned topic

>20 points—Factual accuracy

>15 points—Grammar and organization of content

>15 points—Scope of research

8. **Awards:** \$500 will be awarded to one each middle and high school first place winner; \$200 will be awarded to one each first place runner-up at middle and high school levels and \$100 will be awarded to one each second place runner-up at middle and high school levels. Each winner and his/her parent/guardian must be present to receive their prize. Winners will be notified prior to the May 29 Essay Contest Awards Ceremony.

Final judging and selection of winners will be made by a committee selected by Klingner-Cope Community Outreach. Decision of judges are final. Results will be announced at the May 29, 2017 Essay Contest Awards Ceremony at Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Home at Rivermonte, 4500 South Lone Pine Rd, Springfield, MO 65804. Winning essays will be featured on the Klingner-Cope Funeral Homes website, social media page and other related print and electronic media.



Klingner-Cope Community Outreach is a program of:

Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Home at Rivermonte, 4500 South Lone Pine Road, Springfield, MO 65804 (417) 887-1929

Klingner-Cope Family Funeral Home at White Chapel, 5234 West State Highway EE, Springfield, MO 65802 (417) 866-5012

Eastlawn Funeral Home, 2244 E. Pythian Street, Springfield, MO 65802 (417) 869-0483

klingnerfuneralhome.com