

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

BUILDING # 5, 2ND FLOOR
171 JERSEY STREET
TRENTON, N. J. 08611
OCTOBER 2016

2016-2017 GEORGE DIEM SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST

TO: Post Adjutants (Please give to your Safety Chairperson)
County Adjutants
Dept. Safety Committee

This will serve to announce the start of the 73rd Annual American Legion, Department of New Jersey Safety Essay Contest. This contest is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in public, private and parochial schools throughout New Jersey.

The deadline dates for the contest at the Post, County and Department levels are as follows:

The contest is to be started in each participating school immediately, as ALL essays must be in the hands of the POST Safety Essay Chairperson no later than JANUARY 21, 2017.

In turn, the Post Chairperson must forward his/her First Place Winner, one (1) essay from each Post (selected by at least three (3) judges to the COUNTY Safety Essay Chairman no later than FEBRUARY 18, 2017.

The County Chairperson must send his/her First Place Winner, one (1) essay from each county, to the DEPARTMENT Safety Chairman. BUILDING #5 2ND FLOOR, 171 JERSEY STREET TRENTON, NJ 08611. NO LATER THAN MARCH 11, 2017.

DEPARTMENT JUDGING WILL BE HELD AT CLARK POST 328, 78 WESTFIELD AVENUE, CLARK, NEW JERSEY 07066, on MARCH 25, 2017 AT 1:00 PM.

THE DEPARTMENT DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO !!!!!

(Post and County deadlines may be adjusted)

As in the past, the form for use in transmitting the winning essay must be used by the respective Post and County Chairman.

CONTEST RULES

At a meeting held on August 13, 2011 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the Recommendation of the Department Safety Committee to make the following amendment to Rule #4.

1. The contest must be conducted in the school classroom, under proper supervision of a member of the faculty.
2. The Essay shall be **NO LESS THAN 300 NOR MORE THAN 450 WORDS.**
3. The Essay must touch on the subject "**WHAT SAFETY MEANS TO ME.**"
4. That participants in the contest be allowed to use electronic devices such as word processor, computers or electronic typewriters. Hand written essays shall earn extra credit.
5. Neatness, penmanship and general appearance will be factors in the judging.
6. No name will appear on the contestant's paper. Instead, the writer's name will be placed in an envelope, to be identified by a number. This number **ONLY** will be placed on the essay. All envelopes will be opened after the judging is completed.

the following standards, established by the Department Safety Committee, are to be used as a guide by the judges grading an Essay:

Understanding & coverage of the subject matter.....	20%
Grammar.....	20%
Spelling and punctuation.....	20%
Neatness.....	15%
Originality.....	25%

EXAMPLE ON METHOD OF COUNTING THE WORDS CONTAINED IN AN ESSAY:

Every year Safety Essays are forwarded to Department Headquarters for judging in the Department Contest when some of these essays/ should have been eliminated at the post level because of the number of words they contained. These essays, which contain too few or too many words, will be counted at the Department level and will be disqualified. This is unfortunate for it limits the number of essays entered from your county and also prevents another child's essay from being entered. Please note the manner in which these paragraphs have been counted and do likewise at the post and county levels as it is very important to the children.

Each paragraph only contain 109 words---please note that each essay must contain no less than 300 nor more than 400 words.)

AWARDS FOR DEPARTMENT WINNERS

At a meeting held on August 18, 2007 in Trenton, the Department Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Department Safety Committee to make the following award changes:

- 1st place.....\$250.00 Check & Department of New Jersey American Legion Safety Essay Contest Plaque
- 2nd place.....\$175.00 Check
- 3rd place.....\$115.00 Check
- 4th place.....\$75.00 Check- ****Honorable Mention****

We recommend and encourage the Posts and Counties to make appropriate awards to their local winners so that the county winners receive their awards during the County Convention or Annual Meeting.

Please continue to make The American Legion, Department of New Jersey Safety Essay Contest one of the outstanding Legion programs for our school children. All that is required to accomplish our goal is your cooperation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOLLOWING:

Advise the school or faculty member to whom the essays should be forwarded when completed. Do not let school people fail to do this and the school then only has the address of the Department, which is on this bulletin, so please forward them to Department. Make sure you leave instructions as to the name and address of the person who is to receive the completed essays.

DRC/gs

DAN R. CHANNEL, Chairman
Department Safety Committee

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POST

POST

2016-2017

SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST REPORT FORM

2016-2017

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

FROM _____ POST # _____
(Post Safety Chairperson)

SEND TO: COUNTY SAFETY CHAIRPERSON (No later than **FEBRUARY 20, 2017**)

Listed below is the full information required concerning the writer of POST NO. _____

FIRST PLACE ESSAY which is attached and submitted for the County Contest judging:

(Full Name of Student) Male Female

(Complete Mailing Address of Student)

(School attended & Class) Grade _____

(Signature of Post Chairperson)

Post No. _____

County _____

Date _____

(Home Address)

(Telephone Number)

(THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY POST SAFETY CHAIRPERSON)

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COUNTY
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SAFETY ESSAY CONTEST REPORT FORM

(For County Use Only)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

SEND TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF NEW JERSEY
BUILDING #5 2ND FLOOR
171 JERSEY STREET
TRENTON, NJ 08611

(To arrive no later than **March 12, 2017**)

Listed below is the full information required concerning the writer of _____ **COUNTY**

FIRST PLACE ESSAY which is attached, and submitted for judging in the Department Finals:

(Full Name of Student) () ()
Male Female

(Complete Mailing Address of Student)

(School attended & Class) Grade

(Sponsoring Post & Location) POST#

Signature of County Chairperson _____

Home Address _____ Tele. #

County _____ Date _____

(THIS FORM TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY SAFETY CHAIRPERSON)