



# MIDWEST HONOR FLIGHT

## “WHY THANK A VETERAN”

Midwest Honor Flight's Board of Directors wants to engage more youth in our Mission: To transport America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and to fellow veterans. With this in mind, the Midwest Honor Flight Essay Contest entitled "Why Thank a Veteran" was formed as a way for youth to express the importance of this mission with their families, their communities, and to the veterans in which they will have the opportunity to meet. Students aged 16 and through college are invited to apply and write for this contest.

- **Essay must be written on the topic of "Why Thank a Veteran" and must be no less than 500 words but no more than 1,000**
- **Contest is open to anyone aged 16 through college that either resides within NW Iowa, SW Minnesota, and South Dakota**
  - **College students that grew up here but do not attend a local state or private school are welcome to apply**
- **Must submit one (1) original application (next page) with one (1) essay attached as well as three (3) additional copies of the essay ONLY**
- **Double spaced, Font size 12, Times New Roman**
  - **Ensure that your DOB is in the top right corner of each page of your essay as that is how the judges will assess your essay without knowing your name**
- **Must following the following dates**
  - **January 10, 2019 through February 28, 2019 - Contest Open**
  - **February 28, 2019 - Applications must be postmarked or emailed by 11:59 PM (Central Standard Time) - ENSURE postmark is stamped**
    - **Midwest Honor Flight**
    - **ATTN: Essay Contest**
    - **PO Box 22**
    - **Sioux Center, IA 51250**
    - **essay@midwesthonorflight.org**
  - **March 15, 2019 - Winners Announced**
  - **Month of April – First place winner to attend Guardian Training**
  - **May 6, 2019 - First place winner reads their essay at the Mission 4 Honor Banquet (Sioux Falls, SD)**
  - **May 7, 2019 - First place to fly with an assigned Veteran (Fly from FSD)**
  - **Month of September – Second place winner to attend Guardian Training**
  - **September 23, 2019 - Second place winner reads their essay at the Mission 5 Honor Banquet (Sioux Falls, SD)**
  - **September 24, 2019 - Second place to fly with an assigned Veteran (Fly from FSD)**

## STUDENT INFORMATION

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FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FIRST NAME      MIDDLE NAME      LAST NAME)

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_      DOB: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_      ST: \_\_\_\_\_      ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_      GR: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that the above information is correct. I also acknowledge that the essay I submit will become property of Midwest Honor Flight. If my essay is selected as the winning essay, I will be required to attend an upcoming Mission as well as Guardian Training.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLYING STUDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION DATE

## PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION (Required for those under 18)

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FIRST AND LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_      ST: \_\_\_\_\_      ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to enter Midwest Honor Flight's "Why Thank a Veteran" Essay Contest and I grant permission for my child to attend an upcoming Mission as a Guardian for a veteran should their essay be selected.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICATION DATE

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE THE FIRST PAGE OF THE ESSAY YOU WRITE. THE THREE (3) ADDITIONAL COPIES YOU ENCLOSE WILL NOT HAVE THIS AS THE JUDGES WILL ONLY USE YOUR DOB AT THE TOP OF EACH PAGE AS IDENTIFICATION FOR ASSESSMENT.**