



***2018 Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books  
Century Fence Middle & High School Student Essay Contest***

This contest is open to all middle school and high school students in Waukesha County. Students will submit an original essay based on the theme listed below. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be chosen from both the middle school and high school categories.

***Prizes:    1st place - \$250                      2nd place - \$175                      3rd place - \$75***

Official presentation of the awards will be made at the Southeast WI Festival of Books during the *Cabaret & Essay Contest Awards Celebration* at **11:30am on Saturday, November 3, 2018**. Winners must be able to appear at the *Cabaret & Essay Contest Awards Celebration* to accept their awards. In addition, first place winners must be available to read their essays.

**Theme: *AMERICAN STORIES***

*This year's Festival of Books theme is "American Stories." In your essay identify an author or book that adds to your understanding of important American qualities and stories. Give details from the book and from your own experience to show the importance of these qualities.*



### Contest Guidelines

1. Contest entries should be thoughtful, well written essays of 600-750 words on the assigned topic for high school students and up to 400-500 words for middle school students. Entries should be single spaced and may be typed or legibly hand written.
2. Submissions must be of unpublished original work. An essay that has won a contest elsewhere will not be accepted.
3. Entries should reflect the original words and ideas of the writer. Quotations from an outside source or author must give credit to that source by citing the author, publication, title and date. Plagiarism will be considered cause for elimination.
4. To be eligible, each entry must be accompanied by the official Festival Contest Entry Form. This form must be filled out completely and signed both by the student and a parent or guardian. By completing and signing the entry form, a student certifies that it his or her own work. Please submit only one essay. Multiple entries will not be considered.
5. All entries must be received by **October 1, 2018** Entries should be mailed as follows:

Festival Essays

Attn: Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books Coordinator

UW-Waukesha Foundation, Inc.

1500 N. University Dr.

Waukesha, WI 53188



**Entry Form**  
**2018 Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books**  
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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please give the information below for the Spring Semester 2018. Your category (high school or middle school) will be based on your status in the Spring Semester of 2018.*

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Home schooled

Email to be used for notification of winners:

\_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I certify that this is my own original work and that it has not been previously published or awarded as part of another contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

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(Date)