

For Love of Country: In My Own Words

The Fairfax County Public Library and the For
Love of Country Foundation present

An essay and poetry contest

“United States: One nation,
under God, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all.”*

*adapted from The Pledge of Allegiance

10th, 11th and 12th grade students
March 15 – May 14, 2012

Rules and Guidelines:

- 1) All 10th, 11th and 12th grade students are eligible for the contest.
- 2) All work submitted must be original work.
- 3) One entry per student is permitted (one essay or one poem).
- 4) Essay work will be judged on: Originality and creativity; Persuasiveness; Clarity, coherence and organization; Grammar and spelling.

Poetry will be judged on: Originality and creativity; Relevance to contest topic; Clarity and coherence; Spelling.
- 5) Submit one copy of your work to your nearest Fairfax County Public Library branch or online at libraryevents@fairfaxcounty.gov by May 14, 2012, at 6 p.m.
- 6) Essay/poem must be accompanied with a completed cover sheet.
- 7) Winners will be notified in early June and prizes awarded at a recognition ceremony.
- 8) Essays/poems will not be returned.

Awards:

Fairfax County Public Library will distribute multiple prizes. (There may be more than one winner in each category.)

\$100 Gold \$50 Silver \$25 Bronze
Certificates of Merit

Cover Sheet

Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

School Name: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____ M____ F____

My neighborhood library branch is:

Student

I have followed the rules and guidelines as outlined. If my writing is selected, I agree that the Fairfax County Public Library and/or media outlets may use my work.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian

I have read the rules and guidelines and allow my child to submit an essay/poem to the Fairfax County Public Library. I understand that this work may be posted on the library's website and/or used in other media outlets (using only first name and last initial to identify).

Parent/Guardian Signature