



# Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Memorial Day Essay Contest

## Contest Rules

1) The Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 4 – 12.

### Age Groups

Grades 4 and 5

Grades 6, 7, and 8

Grades 9 thru 12

### Requirements

200 – 250 word essay

250 – 300 word essay

300 – 400 word essay

2) Topic: “*What Memorial Day Means to Me.*”

3) Judging is based upon those essays that portray the truest meaning of Memorial Day, defined as “honoring those who have lost their lives defending our country”. They will also be judged on the ability to express thought, clarity of writing, spelling, grammar and overall impact. All judges’ decisions are final.

4) Essays should be typewritten and double-spaced on plain white paper, or neatly handwritten and double-spaced on white ruled paper. *Please include your name, phone number, school, and grade level.*

5) One First Place Winner and one Honorable Mention will be selected from each age group. Each First Place Winner will be awarded \$25 cash. Each Honorable Mention will be awarded \$15 cash. The prizes are donated by the Howey-in-the-Hills Parks & Recreation Events Committee.

6) First Place Winners are **required** to read their essays at the public Memorial Day Observance, at the Howey Cemetery on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 at 10 a.m.

7) The **deadline** for the Memorial Day Essay Contest is May 14 at 5 pm!

8) Deliver/send all essays to: Marianne Beck Memorial Library  
112 W Central Ave.  
Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737

ATTN: Tahsia O’Keefe

*For more information, please send a message to the Howey in the Hills Events Facebook Page.*