

2026 STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST – Sponsored by *Monumental Talks Foundation*

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ESSAY / COMPOSITION – C O N T E S T

TOPIC / SUBJECT: “Reflections on 9/11”

Eligibility – Open to:

Any Snohomish County (Washington State) High School Student (Grades 9 – 12) – Public, Private, Independent, or Home-Schooled

COMPOSITION: An Original, Creative: ESSAY, POEM, MUSIC, or ARTISTIC CREATION

ESSAY: 500 words or less **TOPIC / SUBJECT: “Reflections on 9/11”**

REQUIREMENTS: [Honor System]

Each Entry must be an original, personal composition, created without outside assistance, instruction, or collaboration. NOTE: NO Assistance from any electronic / creative source will be allowed (ChatGPT, etc.)

Submission Details:

ESSAY Specifications: 500 words or less **TOPIC / SUBJECT: “Reflections on 9/11”**

FORMAT NOTE: Type-written [WORD format preferred: TIMES NEW ROMAN, 14 Font, 1.5 Line Spacing]

Entry / **Submissions Open** from July 4th to Sept. 5th, 2026 / **DUE Date:** Not later than 9:11am, Sept. 5th, 2026

Prize Awards: \$1,500 to First Place, \$1,000 to Second Place, \$500 to Third Place

Contest **Winners** announced at **9/11 Remembrance Event** – 9/11/26, at The Everett Civic Auditorium*

*Contest Participants to receive complimentary Tickets to this event

For Further Details and SUBMISSIONS Go To: hartleymansion@gmail.com

MONUMENTAL TALKS 2025: Reflections on 9/11 Essay Competition

Contact Dan Matthews, “Reflections on 9/11” Organizer at: 425 422-3105

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