

Youth essay contest honors freedom's heroes

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During April, Lohman Community Outreach, a program of Lohman Funeral Homes, Cemeteries & Cremation, will host its annual youth essay contest, "The True Meaning of Memorial Day."

The contest, open to all Volusia County middle and high school students, was established to create an educational awareness for youth in Volusia County communities to learn more about the service and sacrifice of the nation's veterans and members of the military.

Essay submissions will be received April 1 through April 30. Essay submissions from private, charter and home schools also will be accepted.

Winning essays will be

announced at the Monday, May 29, Memorial Day Youth Essay Contest Awards Ceremony at Daytona Memorial Park at 1425 Bellevue Ave., Daytona Beach. A total of six prizes will be awarded; \$500 will be awarded to a middle and high school first place winner; \$200 will be awarded to a first runner-up at both middle and high school levels, and \$100 will be awarded to second runnerup in both middle and high school levels.

Winning essays will be featured on the Lohman Funeral Homes, Cemeteries & Cremation website, social media page and other related print and electronic media.

For more information, call Community Outreach Coordinator Leslie Fisk at (386) 673-1100.