



Separating the Ordinary from the Extraordinary Essay Contest

Writing Contests for 2020-2021

Training Ship Bobcat Essay (ages 10-13) must not exceed 1,000 words and "Using the Medal of Honor Character Development Program's six-character traits (Courage, Commitment, Citizenship, Sacrifice, Integrity, Patriotism) as a framework, choose someone you believe espouses at least two of these values. This person should be an ordinary person who you believe exhibits extraordinary values, enough so that they have become a role model for you."

Red River Battalion Essay (ages 14-17) must not exceed 1,500 words and "Using the Medal of Honor Character Development Program's six-character traits (Courage, Commitment, Citizenship, Sacrifice, Integrity, Patriotism) as a framework, choose someone you believe espouses at least two of these values. This person should be an ordinary person who you believe exhibits extraordinary values, enough so that they have become a role model for you."

Link to Medal of Honor Character Development website: <https://themedalofhonor.com/character-development>. If you would like for a classroom visit to demonstrate these lessons with your students, please contact Gabrielle Fletcher at gletcher@nctc.edu or call 940-668-7731 ext 4392

CONTEST GUIDELINES

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ENTRIES:

E-mailed entries must be in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Rich Text Format (.rtf).

All entries must be in Times New Roman or Arial, size 12 font, double-spaced. Allow one-inch margins on all sides. Type on one side of the page only.

Originality and good taste in language and subject matter are required; avoid rough language and adult situations. DO not recycle a previous essay.

Be sure to include the required entry form with your submission. Multiple-paged entries must have page numbers in the upper-right-hand corner of each page. Attach pages with paper clips, not staples. No title page is necessary. Your name should not appear on the pages of your entry, only on the entry form itself.

Entries which do not comply with **all** requirements and guidelines may be eliminated from the contest. All paper entries become the property of the Red River Battalion and will not be returned. Winners will be notified in March 2020.

DEADLINE:

All entries must be received no later than **noon on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021**. Address entries to the contest director, Ms. Gabrielle Fletcher, Department of English, Speech, and Foreign Language, North Central Texas College, 1525 West California Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240-4699.

Send electronic entries to gletcher@nctc.edu. Contest guidelines and entry forms can be downloaded from the Red River Battalion Facebook page Questions? Call 940-668-7731 ext 4392

AWARDS:

First Prize	\$100.00
Second Prize	\$50.00
Third Prize	\$25.00

Awards may be presented in a special ceremony on the North Central Texas College campus, depending on circumstances, in Gainesville, Texas.

Prize-winning entries may be published as space permits on the Red River Battalion Facebook page & one winner may have the opportunity to read their essay to Medal of Honor Recipients, depending on circumstances.

ENTRY FORM
Red River Battalion Writing Contest

Full Name (<i>please print</i>)	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Telephone	
E-mail Address	
Title of your entry	
Contest Category (X the appropriate category):	
Training Ship Bobcat Essay (ages 10-13) _____ or Red River Battalion Essay (ages 14-17)_____	
What school do you attend, in what town/city?	
What grade are you in?	
Who is your English teacher?	
What are your parents' names?	
How old are you?	

Note: Winners will be required to submit their social security numbers before awards checks can be issued.