



## 2021 Essay Contest for Jefferson County Students “American Patriots of the Revolutionary War and Founding of America”

Sponsored by the Keystone Federated Republican Women (KFRW)

### Essay Contest Rules

**Eligibility:** All Jefferson County middle school aged students (ages 11-14) currently enrolled in public or private schools or homeschooled.

**Topics:** These essays will be exploring the lesser-known Founding Fathers of America and other heroic people who played important roles in making America the great Republic it became.

***You may pick one of the following people as the topic of your essay:***

1. **James Armistead:** (1748-1830) – “Double Agent” for the Continental Army.
2. **Caleb Brewster:** (September 12, 1747 - February 13, 1827) – Member of “Culper Spy Ring” during the Revolutionary War.
3. **Peter (nee Pedro) Francisco:** (July 7, 1760 - January 16, 1834) – At 6’6” tall and 260 pounds, he was known as the “Hercules of the American Revolution”.
4. **Elizabeth “Betsey” Hagar:** (1750-1843) – A remarkably talented and hard-working woman who understood patriotism at the grass roots level.
5. **Dr. Benjamin Rush:** (January 4, 1746 - April 19, 1813) – A man who slept little and accomplished so much; for example, he earned the title “Father of American Medicine”.
6. **Deborah Sampson (Gannett):** (December 17, 1760 - April 29, 1827) – A lady soldier in disguise in the Revolutionary War.
7. **General Artemus Ward:** (November 26, 1727 - October 28, 1800) – First Commander in Chief of the American Revolution.
8. **Dr. Joseph Warren:** (June 11, 1741 - June 17, 1775) – His extraordinary and flamboyantly lived life as a Boston doctor, spy, patriot, orator, graverobber and more, was cut short when he was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.
9. **John Woolman:** (October 19, 1720 - October 7, 1772) – This humble Quaker helped to lay the foundation for a Godly America.

***Answer each of the following questions about your chosen person:***

1. What are the main biographical facts about the person’s life and family? Provide a description of key events in his/her childhood that may have shaped their character.
2. What are the main accomplishments in this person’s life that contributed to America’s founding and development?



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3. How does this person’s life inspire you to become an involved citizen?
4. After knowing about this person’s life, imagine that you are living at the same time as this person. If you could, what kind of life would you choose to live in those times? Include where you would live, the type of family you would have, and the types of work you would do?

**Requirements:**

1. The essay is to be typed using 14-point font, and double spaced. The essay should be between 750-850 words. Do not include any photos or images.
2. The essay must have a bibliography listing references utilized, including a list of any internet resources. If internet resources are used, add the electronic address (URL) used to access the document.
3. A separate cover sheet (see form attached to this announcement) must accompany the essay.
4. Do not include your name or the school’s name on any of the pages of the essay.

**Criteria for Judging:** The essays will be judged on quality of research, accuracy, writing ability, and grammar.

**Due Date:** Your essay must be post marked no later than April 30, 2021.

**Mail essay to:** Keystone Federated Republican Women  
P.O. Box 45  
Monticello, FL 32345

KFRW will recognize and award cash prizes to the top essayists as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Award Certificate and \$ 250.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Award Certificate and \$ 150.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Award Certificate and \$ 50.00

Winners will be announced mid-May, to be followed by an Award Ceremony.

If you need additional copies of the announcement or have process questions, please contact Gretchen Wallace (997-1968), Committee Chair, or Lynn Stafford (491-8755) President, or email [info@KFRWFL.org](mailto:info@KFRWFL.org). Contest also posted at [www.KFRWFL.org](http://www.KFRWFL.org).

***Thank you for submitting your essay and good luck!***



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Cover Sheet for KFRW 2021 Essay Contest

*(Print all Information)*

1. Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Home address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

I give the KFRW permission to publish my essay and my picture in the KFRW Newsletter, and local media publications.

I hereby certify that the essay submitted herewith is solely my work product and any quoted information used in the essay is accompanied by a footnote, which references the source of the quoted information.

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Signature of Student

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Date Submitted

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Name of Parent or Guardian (Print)

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Parent or Guardian Signature