

# Ely American Legion Post 555

## 2015 Seventh Grade Constitutional Essay Contest

The Ely American Legion is sponsoring the Seventh Grade Constitutional Essay Contest. The Seventh Grade Constitutional Essay Contest will help youth develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the United States Constitution. All local seventh grader students are encouraged to submit entries. The local first place winner will receive a \$20 prize and will have their entry forwarded for district level competition. The local second place winner will receive a \$10 prize. Other prizes are available at the district level of competition.

**Eligibility:** Participants must be citizens of or lawful residents of the United States. All contestants must be students enrolled in the seventh grade in a public, parochial, military, private, or state accredited home-school program.

**Essay:** The written essay will be no less than 350 words and no more than 450 words and will be double-spaced, typewritten, 12-pitch, and an original work of the contestant. The subject will be a personal interpretation of what the United States Constitution represents to the individual. Word or Adobe format may be used.

**Contest:** A copy of this letter with the bottom portion completed must accompany each essay. Contestants may submit essays to [legionessay@elylegion.com](mailto:legionessay@elylegion.com) or mail entries to Post 555, 1545 Main Street, Ely, Iowa 52227. Entries must be received no later than December 1, 2015 to allow adequate time for judging. American Legion Post 555 will notify winning contests of results. For further information, contact Marv Peters at (319) 848-4764.

Contestant Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' or legal Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' or legal Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' or legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_