

**American Heritage, Preservation, & Patriotism  
2014-2015 Essay Contest**

The Taneytown Lions Club and the Lions Clubs of District 22-W know that our citizens are more aware and more patriotic than many Americans. This year, our American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay contest focuses on the U.S. Constitution. The Taneytown Lions Club is sponsoring an essay contest for students, for non-Lion adults and for Lions and Lioness club members.

The American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism essay topics for 2014-2015 are as follows:

*Elementary Grades:* The first amendment to the US Constitution provides for freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press. How do these freedoms affect you?

*Middle School:* What is the importance of freedom of the press in our digital age?

*High School:* Why did the US Constitution establish three equal branches of government: Executive, Legislative and Judicial?

*Lions and Lionesses:* How does the US Constitution provide for our nation's safety?

*Adult, non-Lion:* Does the US Constitution need a new amendment? If not, why not? If yes, what amendment, and why?

Essays in each category will be judged by the sponsoring club. The essay program rules for participation and compliance guidelines are:

Each entry must comply with the following rules for participation:

- Use 8 ½" by 11" white paper
- Essay must be either typed or computer generated and double-spaced. Handwritten copies will not be read.
- Minimum of 300 words, maximum of 500 words
- Attach a separate cover sheet which includes the following information
  - entrant's name
  - entrant's home address including street, city, state and zip code
  - entrant's home phone number
  - name of school or "home schooled" (except for adults and Lions and Lionesses)
  - name of sponsoring club

Those interested in participating should forward their essay to the Taneytown Lions Club Essay Contest Coordinator at 58 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787. The deadline for entry is **Monday, December 22, 2014.**