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Students Invited to Explore Washington's Ties to Alexandria in Essay Contest

ALEXANDRIA, VA — The George Washington Legacy Foundation is pleased to announce an exciting essay competition for 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in any Alexandria Junior High School to delve into the rich history of George Washington in Alexandria. Students are challenged to craft an original 700-1,000 word essay on “George Washington’s Involvement with Alexandria, Virginia.” The prize for the winning essay is \$500.

“We aim to inspire students to better understand Washington’s multifaceted relationship with Alexandria as a landowner, community leader, and pivotal political figure,” said Marion Moon, the Foundation’s President. “This is a unique chance for budding historians in our community to showcase their knowledge, analysis, and writing skills.”

The contest is open to all 7th and 8th grade students currently enrolled in Alexandria’s public and private schools. Submissions adhering to the complete guidelines will be evaluated by a panel of judges. The deadline to email entries to shawn.eyer@washingtonlegacyfoundation.org is 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2024.

The winner will be honored at a community breakfast on February 19th during Alexandria’s annual Washington’s Birthday celebration. In addition to \$500, they will have their work published online by the George Washington Legacy Foundation to educate the wider community about Alexandria’s integral ties to America’s first President.

The George Washington Legacy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2018 to support educational and civic activities that aim to enlighten public awareness about George Washington and his legacy, in part by providing grants to qualifying tax-exempt non-profit organizations and governmental entities for the support of such activities. This essay competition is sponsored by Alexandria’s FOE #871.

Full contest guidelines, eligibility terms, submission instructions, and foundation background are available at <https://washingtonlegacyfoundation.org>. Questions can be directed to the Foundation’s spokesman, Shawn Eyer at shawn.eyer@washingtonlegacyfoundation.org or 202-425-1025.