

# *The George Washington* **LEGACY FOUNDATION**

## 2024 Essay Contest

George Washington, our nation's first president, had a profound and enduring relationship with the city of Alexandria, Virginia. Now, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students at any Alexandria public or private school are invited to submit essays on the topic of George Washington's Involvement with Alexandria, Virginia. The winner will receive a \$500 prize.

### Instructions for Students

Your essay should delve into Washington's multifaceted involvement with Alexandria, exploring his role as a landowner, community member, and a vital political figure, shedding light on the significance of this historic city in the broader context of American history. The essay should include historical facts, and also your own opinions and reactions to Washington's life and legacy.

All entrants must confirm they will be available to participate in a community breakfast event and the Alexandria Washington's Birthday Parade on Monday, February 19, 2024. To be eligible for consideration, essays must be submitted via email to [shawn.eyer@washingtonlegacyfoundation.org](mailto:shawn.eyer@washingtonlegacyfoundation.org) by January 31, 2024, and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Eligibility: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students at Alexandria's public & private schools.
- Word Count: Between 700 and 1,000 words.
- File Format: Microsoft Word.
- Originality: The essay must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- Structure: Include a title page listing:
  1. The essay's title
  2. The student's name, grade, and school
  3. Contact email and telephone
- References: Footnotes are not necessary, but quotations from others should be credited properly in the text.

This essay contest is sponsored by the George Washington Legacy Foundation, which is grateful for the generous support of Alexandria's Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 871.

All essays received by the deadline will be reviewed by a panel of judges. They will score each entry on:

- Historical accuracy
- Originality
- Clarity
- Organization and structure
- Quality of writing, including spelling and grammar
- Appropriate credit for quotations

By submitting an essay, students agree to allow the George Washington Legacy Foundation to use their names and essays for promotional purposes. Winners will be notified via email and will be announced on the George Washington Legacy Foundation's website and social media platforms. The decisions of the judges are final.

For any questions or clarifications, please contact Shawn Eyer at [shawn.eyer@washingtonlegacyfoundation.org](mailto:shawn.eyer@washingtonlegacyfoundation.org) or 202-425-1025.

We encourage all participants to explore the rich history of George Washington's involvement with Alexandria, Virginia, and express their insights and understanding in their essays. Good luck to all our young historians!

## About the Foundation

The George Washington Legacy Foundation is a nonprofit organization established to support educational and civic activities that aim to enlighten public awareness about George Washington and his legacy. Originally incorporated in 2018 by Alexandria civic booster Joseph Shumard, today the GWLF is an active foundation deeply engaged in promoting our founder's vision: namely, to provide needed and significant support to worthy George Washington-related projects. The George Washington Legacy Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt foundation, and all contributions to the GWLF are tax-deductible. Our EIN is 88-4217344.

For more information, or to learn how you can get involved in supporting this work, please see our website at <https://washingtonlegacyfoundation.org>.