

RICHARD I.
BONG

VETERANS
HISTORICAL
CENTER

2025

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

\$250

**Grand
Prize**

The top essay selected by Bong Center will earn
\$250.00 grand prize!

First, second and third places will
each earn \$75.00

All of the winning essays will be posted on the museum website.

\$75

**First, Second
& Third Prizes**

**OPEN to ALL High School Students in the region:
Minnesota, Wisconsin and U.P. of Michigan**





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Open to students grades 9-12, residing in Wisconsin, Minnesota & Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

- Essay must be 1500 words.
- Essay must be original. They will be tested for AI percentage and plagiarism. Essays can be disqualified.
- One essay per student may be submitted.

All essays should:

- Be double spaced
- Have a one-inch margin
- Include page numbers
- Include an essay title
- Be typed in 12-point font
- Be in Microsoft Word, Google doc or PDF format

Essays may be emailed, along with the required student information, to Executive Director John Gidley; gidley@bongcenter.org

Or mailed to: The Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center
305 Harbor View Parkway
Superior, WI 54880

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS
5:00 PM Monday April 28th, 2025**

STUDENT INFORMATION: THIS CONTENT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ESSAY TO BE ELIGIBLE
Please complete the following student information and email, along with your essay, to: **John Gidley**, Executive Director Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center; gidley@bongcenter.org Deadline for submission is **5:00 PM Monday April 28th, 2025**

Student first & last name: _____

Grade: _____

City/Town of residence: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Teacher/home school supervisor name: _____

Teacher's school email: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Parent Email: _____



2025 HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY QUESTION

The Future of Museums



Museums play a vital role in preserving history, culture, and knowledge for future generations. They serve as educational resources, cultural hubs, and places of inspiration. For our annual High School Essay contest for 2025, The Richard I Bong Veterans Historical Center wants to hear your thoughts.



In your essay, explore the role museums play in society today. How do they continue to contribute to education, culture, and bringing communities together? More importantly, how can they stay exciting for future generations?

What new roles could they take on in an increasingly digital and globalized world.

Think about the kinds of exhibits and experiences that would make you want to visit a museum. Should museums include more interactive technology, immersive experiences, or hands-on activities? What would make learning history or science more engaging for you? **Share your ideas with specific examples and reasoning to support your argument.**



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