

\$100 Each Grade Grand Prize

The top essay in each grade will be selected by The Bong Center. Each individual grade will earn \$100.00 grand prize, runner-up and honorable mention (non-cash)prizes

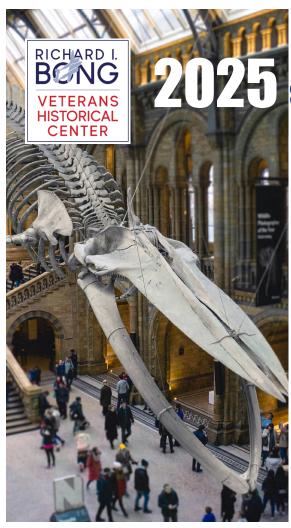
All of the winning essays will be posted on the museum website. (This is a three page packet with all qualifying material, emails, addresses and dates).

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

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MIDDLE ESSAY CONTEST

Contest open to students grades 6-8, residing in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

- Essay must be 500 words or less.
- 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 in formation, 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

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:		



Museums are like time machines! They take us on exciting journeys into the past, let us explore different cultures, and spark curiosity about the world around us. Whether it's a history museum filled with ancient artifacts, a science museum with hands-on experiments, or an art museum showcasing incredible creativity, these places are full of stories waiting to be discovered.

For the annual Richard I Bong Veterans Historical Center 2025 Middle School Essay Contest, we want to hear why you think museums are important in today's world and how they reach people.

For your essay, create your vision of the museum of the future. What kinds of museums would you like to visit or perhaps, what type of museum do you think needs to be built that doesn't currently exist? What kind of exhibits would make you excited to visit a museum?

Write an essay sharing your ideas and examples. Be creative, think big, and tell us what would make museums even more exciting for years to come.

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