



Independence Day Writing Challenge

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, in collaboration with the Friends of Hopewell Furnace, is accepting essay from youth writers answering the question:

What is your pursuit of Happiness?

Essay submissions will be part of the Independence Day Program this year!

Grade Levels: 6 - 12

Students in grades 6 – 8: 300 words or less

Students in grades 9 – 12: 500 words or less

Cash prizes of up to **\$125** for grades 6 - 8 and 9 - 12



Learn more about the contest and how to submit writing by scanning the QR Code or visiting our website.
go.nps.gov/July4WritingChallenge

Submissions due by April 20, 2025

Open to students who attend public or private schools, or who attend home school, within the boundaries of the following local school districts:

Antietam
Boyertown
Coatesville
Daniel Boone
Downingtown
Exeter
Governor Mifflin
Oley Valley

Owen J. Roberts
Phoenixville
Pottsgrove
Pottstown
Reading
Spring-Ford
Twin Valley
Wyomissing