



Walter Grotz Essay Scholarship Contest

Walter Grotz of Delano, is a World War II veteran and prisoner of war survivor. He is also a 1943 graduate of Delano High School. At the 2009 Veteran's Day program at Delano High School, Walter delivered a speech to the students about his six months as a prisoner of war, reminding those in attendance that "freedom is a very precious thing." This scholarship contest is a way that Walter can give back to the community that gave so much to him upon his return from war.

The essay must address the following question:

"What does the POW/MIA flag mean to me?"

Who can enter? Delano High School Seniors graduating in 2010-11

All essays should be turned in to the Delano Public Schools district office **no later than Friday, October 15, 2010**. Please include an entry form with your essay. Entry forms are available in the district office. The top three essays and their authors will be recognized at the 2010 Veteran's Day Program to be held in the Tiger Activity Center on November 11, 2010. The winners will be notified before the program and the first place winner will share his or her essay during the program.

The top three essays will receive scholarship money to use at the post secondary school of their choice.

1st place: \$500.00
2nd place: \$300.00
3rd place: \$200.00

If you have any questions, please contact the district office at 763.972.3365, ext. 2111.

"In war, there are no unwounded soldiers."

-Jose Narosky



Walter Grotz Essay Scholarship Contest Entry Form

Official Student Entry Form for the Walter Grotz Essay Scholarship Contest
must be completed by all entrants.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Essay Word Count _____

I have read and understand the contest rules.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

Essay Rules:

- The Essay must address the following question:
 “What does the POW/MIA flag mean to me?”
- Your essay must be 300-400 words.
- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typewritten in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. **Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated.** Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.
- This essay contest is open to Delano High School seniors graduating in 2010-2011.

Deadline:

The completed essay entry form must be turned in to the Delano Public Schools district office by **Friday, October 15, 2010**. In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay. Do not put your name on your essay. Please use this form as your essay's cover sheet. Staple the Official Student Entry Form to the top of your essay. Essay's must be written exclusively for this competition. Use of the same essay for other competitions will result in disqualification. The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone.

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Entry Number _____