

CELEBRATE

250 YEARS OF FREEDOM



The Fillmore County Journal is continuing the celebration by awarding \$250 in gift cards plus a Betsy Ross 1776-2026 Flag to 2 essay writers!

ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

TWO AGE DIVISIONS:

- Up to Age 16
- Age 17 and Up

YOUNGER DIVISION TOPIC:

Letter to Our Founders

What questions would you ask America's founders if given the opportunity? Thank them for their work, share your thoughts, or reflect on their vision for our country.

OLDER DIVISION TOPIC:

American Spirit

What does America's 250th anniversary mean to you? Share your thoughts on patriotism, community, history, freedom, or the future of our nation.

RULES:

- Essays must be 250 words or less.
- Entries must be original work created by the participant.
- Submissions showing evident AI-generated content will not be considered.
- Political rants or commentary letters will not be eligible for prizes or publication.
- Entries may be published by the contest organizers.
- Online submissions encouraged.

Online submissions will be accepted starting Tuesday, May 26, until June 16 at: www.fillmorecountyjournal.com/250essay

Qualified essay entrants will also be eligible to win a 250th Anniversary Yard Sign.

* Prizes must be picked up in one of our offices.



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Thanks to Herold Flags for supplying these beautiful flags for our contest. Check out Herold Flags for American, State and decorative flags, as well as flagpoles, display cases and other accessories. *Ask them about custom flags.*

Thank you to everyone that entered our first round of giveaways for the three American Flags.

WINNERS

- Sharon Meyer, Spring Valley
- Jacob Hanson, Chatfield
- Richard Pederson, Mabel

Watch the Fillmore County Journal for more 250th Celebration information.

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