

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

4th grade Essay Contest

RULES:

1. Applicant must be a 4th grade student in a public, private, or homeschool curriculum in the state of Oregon.
2. All entries must be postmarked by **May 15 of the contest year** or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
3. Judge's ruling will be final.
4. Winners will be awarded at the annual SDOP picnic, the 2nd Saturday in July, at Champoeg State Park, but need not be present to win.
5. Must be entirely the work of the applicant.
6. It is preferable that the essay be typed; however, an essay that is neatly handwritten in ink will be accepted. Typed essays should be double spaced, minimum 12 point font (Arial or Times New Roman preferred), 1-inch margin, and maximum length of 2 pages. Handwritten essays should be ink on lined notebook paper with a maximum length of 3 pages.
7. Essays must be submitted with the **cover sheet** that includes the student's contact information.
8. A **picture** of applicant **must** accompany entry. Also, the **signed Photo and Essay Release Form** must be attached.
9. Entries can be sent in by individuals or in class sets by a classroom teacher, but each entry must have the required materials attached.

TOPIC, CRITERIA, AND AWARDS:

Essay: ***“Discuss the pioneer spirit, a determination of accomplishing goals under very difficult circumstances, and how the result of that spirit has affected our lives today.”***

Judging Criteria:

- How well the topic is addressed
- Command of conventions of standard English grammar and usage
- Organization of details
- Use of primary and secondary sources
- Sources must be cited

Awards: **1st place winner will receive \$150.00**

2nd place winner will receive \$75.00

PLEASE MAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
ATTN: President

Any Questions?
Visit www.oregonsdop.org

Email president@oregonsdop.org

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4th Grade Essay Contest - Cover Sheet

Student's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number (Area Code): _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Email: _____

Name of School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Email: _____



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Photo and Essay Release Form

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P.O. Box 6685

Portland, Oregon 97228-6685

I grant to Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the SDOP 4th grade essay contest. I authorize the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the photos and essays in print and/or electronically.

I agree that the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

