

BE A PART OF OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Top ten statewide students, will:

- Receive a check for \$2,000.
- Earn a \$1,000 check for your school.
- Receive another \$500 for your school if your school has been registered and sponsored by a Farm Bureau Insurance agent.
- Be rewarded with a day of being honored, along with your parents and one teacher experiencing it all with you.

TOPIC: "MY PERSONAL MICHIGAN HERO"

There are people in your life who inspire, help, teach, or guide you. In your community, you are surrounded by Michigan people making a difference. Which one is a hero to you?

We invite you to write a 500-word essay about your personal Michigan hero—someone who lives in our state who's taught you important lessons or helped you pursue your dreams. It could be a family member, neighbor, businessperson, or anyone in your community. Tell us about their qualities or the reason they're special in your life.

Your essay will be very meaningful to them and act as a lasting tribute. We can't wait to read your essay!

THE AWARDS

Once in a Life Time Opportunity for 8th Grade Students in Michigan

LOCAL

- Top three essayists from each school will receive an honor certificate.
- Each student participant will receive a Ribbon of Participation with the 50th Anniversary logo.

SCHOOL

- Each school receives a plaque their first year of participation, with their school's 1st place students name engraved on it. The plaque can be a permanent display in the school so names of future winners can be added.
- The 1st place essay from each school will be entered into the statewide competition from which the top ten essays will be chosen.

STATEWIDE

- If a student from your school is selected as a statewide finalist, the school and student will be notified in April.
- The ten statewide winners will be invited to attend an awards day program in May.
- A teacher and two other adults may accompany each winner.
- The top ten winners will receive a cash award of \$2,000, a plaque and medallion.
- The top ten winner's schools will receive a \$1,000 check compliments of the student winner and an additional \$500 if the school has been sponsored by a Farm Bureau Insurance agent.

PARENTAL PERMISSION CARD

This card, or a copy, must be completed and signed by the parent or guardian of the student whose name appears on this card (the "Student"), and must be stapled to the essay in order to qualify the Student for the contest.

I grant full permission to the Student to participate in the America & Me Essay Contest sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. I understand and agree that all entries become the property of Farm Bureau Insurance and will not be returned. I also grant full permission to Farm Bureau Insurance to use the Student's name, photograph, and essay (or a portion thereof) as well as the name and city of the Student's school in booklets and other written materials, on the Farm Bureau Insurance website and social media pages. Furthermore, I certify that to the best of my knowledge this is the Student's own work.

Please print the following information legibly.



Student's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex: M or F

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Full School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

School Phone Number _____

County _____

Teacher's Full Name _____

Farm Bureau Insurance Agent

Sponsor's Full Name _____

(if your school has an agent sponsor)

Signature of parent or guardian _____