The Fairfax County Public Library and The For Love of Country® Foundation present:

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“For Love of Country©: In My Own Words”
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Rising 7th, 8th and 9th graders – enter “For Love of Country©: In My Own Words,” an essay and poetry contest and win up to $100!

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Just create an essay or poem on the topic:

Who has most influenced the direction of your life, and why?

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Fill out the cover sheet on the back of this brochure or see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library

Entries are due by June 13 – August 31, 2019

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The 11th Annual Essay and Poetry Contest

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June 13 – August 31, 2019
Rules and Guidelines:

1) All students entering 7th, 8th and 9th grade as of August 2019 are eligible for the contest.

2) All work submitted must be original work.

3) One entry per student is permitted (one essay or one poem).

4) Essay work will be judged on:
   ★ Originality and creativity;
   ★ Persuasiveness;
   ★ Clarity, coherence and organization;
   ★ Grammar and spelling.

   Poetry will be judged on:
   ★ Originality and creativity;
   ★ Relevance to contest topic;
   ★ Clarity and coherence;
   ★ Spelling.

5) Submit one copy of your work to your nearest Fairfax County Public Library branch or online at libraryevents@fairfaxcounty.gov by August 31, 2019 at 5 p.m.

6) Essay/poem must be accompanied with a completed cover sheet.

7) The winners will be notified by October 4; prizes will be awarded in October, date TBD.

8) Essays/poems will not be returned.

Awards:
Fairfax County Public Library will distribute multiple awards in each of the following categories:

$100 Gold
$50 Silver
$25 Bronze

Certificates of Merit

Cover sheet

Please print clearly

Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

School Name: ____________________________

Grade (Fall of 2019):

My neighborhood library branch is:

Student
I have followed the rules and guidelines as outlined; my work is original work. If my writing is selected, I agree that the Fairfax County Public Library and/or media outlets may use my work.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian
I have read the rules and guidelines and allow my child to submit an original essay/poem to the Fairfax County Public Library. I understand that this work may be posted on the library’s website and/or used in other media outlets (using only first name and last initial to identify).

Parent/Guardian Signature