

Association of Indiana Counties “Celebrating Indiana’s Bicentennial” 3rd Grade Essay Contest

In honor of the State of Indiana’s Bicentennial, the Association of Indiana Counties presents an essay contest for 3rd grade students. This project has been approved by the State’s Bicentennial Commission as a Legacy Program.

Prizes: \$100 will be granted to one student in each region of Indiana: Northwest, Northeast, West Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast. Checks will be distributed in May at our district meetings: Northwest (4/12), Northeast (4/13), East Central (4/14), West Central (4/19), Southwest (4/20), and Southeast (4/21).

Requirements: The essay should include the student’s name, school and a way for us to notify the parents either by phone or email.

- The essay should have two subject matters.
- All students should write about how their county received its name. Was the county named after a famous person? What is named after a region or a landmark?
- The student should also write about a person who lived in Indiana and how the person made positive contributions to their county, the state or the nation.
- Essays should be no longer than one page, typed or handwritten.
- Essays will be judged by Association of Indiana County Board members. The essays will be judged on how well the student describes how their county’s name was selected and how well they describe the contributions of the person they choose to write about who lived in Indiana.
- Students and their families will be asked to attend the AIC’s district meeting so we can recognize the essay winner. We will read the students essay to the attendees if the student is not comfortable reading it.

- **Parent(s)/guardian’s names, phone and email** (Note: this is for notification of the winners).

- To be considered by our judging committee, all entries should be postmarked by **March 15, 2016** and mailed directly to the address below:

Attn.: Cesia Carmona
Association of Indiana Counties
101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1575
Indianapolis, IN 46204

- AIC would like to request the distribution of these instructions and/or the forward of this message to all 3rd Grade teachers. We welcome any questions and/or concerns. AIC thanks you for your time, and we look forward to reviewing all the hard work the students put into their essays. The contest is open to all 3rd Grade students.

- **Winners will be announced and notified by March 29, 2016.**
- **The winners will be announced to local media.**
 - If you have questions, contact Cesia Carmona at intern@indianacounties.org or dial 317 684-3710 ext. 5

