The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) presents an essay contest for fourth grade students across Indiana. The essay focus is “Examining the Administration of the Indiana Property Tax Process”.

Requirements:

- The essays should focus on the property taxation process in your county. Students should interview the County Assessor, County Auditor, County Treasurer, or County Council to learn more about the taxation process and how it is administered fairly and efficiently. This would also be a great opportunity to invite these officials to the classroom.

- Essays should be no longer than one page, typed or handwritten.

- Students should answer these questions: How are property taxes determined? How are they collected in your county? How are taxes disbursed and who receives tax property revenue?

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

- Teacher’s name, school, and email.

- To be considered by our judging committee, all entries should be postmarked by April 1, 2021 and mailed directly to the address below:

  Attn: Elizabeth Mallers  
  Association of Indiana Counties  
  101 West Ohio Street, Suite 1575  
  Indianapolis, IN 46204

Prizes: $100 will be granted to one student in each region of Indiana: Northwest, Northeast, West Central, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast. If possible, for the parents and student, AIC would like to invite the winner to read their essay at the AIC’s annual district meetings. Checks will be distributed in May at our district meetings: Northeast, Northwest, West Central, Southwest, Southeast, and East Central. Only the winners will be notified.

AIC would like to request the distribution of these instructions and/or the forwarding of this message to all 4th 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.

Winners will be announced and notified in April 2021. The winners may be announced to local media.

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Mallers at emallers@indianacounties.org or (317) 684-3710.