



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE™

*The National Museum of the United States Air Forces proudly announces its Sixth Annual Air Force Heritage and History Writing Competition. This competition provides students the opportunity to showcase their writing and research talents while vying for \$3,000 in scholarship funds. **

Competition Theme

The topic for this writing competition is based on Air Force History and Heritage. For this years' competition the research questions are as follows:

In 1965, the U.S. Air Force and other U.S Armed Forces increased actions and troops in Southeast Asia (Vietnam). Twenty-five years later, the U.S. Air Force engaged in Operation Desert Storm. The media coverage of these wars was vastly different than in any other war or conflict in American history. Please provide a brief explanation as to why these were different from other wars. How did media coverage impact Air Force operations of these wars? What are the implications for media in future military operations?

Submission Rules and Requirements

Eligibility - This competition is open to public, private school or homeschooled students between the ages of 13-18. There will be no exceptions made to the age requirements. Only one entry per student will be accepted.

Deadline - All papers must be submitted via email in PDF format to Erin Craig erin.craig@us.af.mil. Submissions must be postmarked by March 14, 2016 12:00 a.m. (EST). The competition will accept only the first 250 entrants. Please note that security measures on the base will delay the delivery of 'snail mail' submissions.

Notification of maximum entries will be made on the Museum's website. All submissions become the property of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Content - Papers will be judged as historic research papers. All content must be supported by evidence and it must be cited in the bibliography. All papers will be required to have a cover page with the following information: name, address, age, and email address or phone number of the author, as well as the school attended, if relevant. Including the cover page, papers will be limited to five pages with a sixth page providing a bibliography, for a total of seven pages. Additionally, grammar, spelling and structure of the document will be considered in judging.

Integrity - **Be honest when writing your papers. Give credit where credit is due. Academic dishonesty of any sort will result in disqualification.**

**Scholarship award money is provided through the generosity of the Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc. and Dayton Rotary Foundation. (No federal endorsement implied). A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the first place winner, \$1,000 to second place winner and \$500 to the third place winner.*