



# Veterans Day Essay Contest

## Call for Submissions

### *Attention Lomira and Oakfield High School Students*

The Byron Historical Society invites current Lomira and Oakfield High School students to participate in our 2025 Veterans Day essay contest. Details are as follows:

**Theme:** **Why Veterans Day is Important to Me** - Compose an essay on the impact Veterans Day has in your life. Reflect personally on why this day is important to you and the ways in which you honor veterans on that day.

**Eligibility:** Open exclusively to high school students currently enrolled at Lomira High School (Lomira WI) and Oakfield High School (Oakfield WI).

**Submission Requirements:** All entries must be received by October 31, 2025. Submit your essays in PDF format via email to [byronhistorical@att.net](mailto:byronhistorical@att.net). The email subject line should be "BHS 2025 Veterans Day Essay."

**Word Limit:** 300-500 Words

**Formatting Requirements:** Essays should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font and saved in PDF format. *Include your full name, phone number, and email address in the upper righthand corner of page one.*

**Originality:** All submissions must be the original work of the student. AI-generated content and plagiarism are strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification.

**Judging Criteria:** Essays will be judged on clarity, relevance to theme, originality, and emotional impact.

**Prize:** A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winner. The winner will also be invited to read their essay aloud at the Byron Historical Society Open House and Veterans Day Salute on November 8, 2025, at the Byron Town Hall and Veterans Memorial.

**Acknowledgment:** This contest is funded through the Byron Historical Society Ed Kelroy Memorial Fund established in Ed's memory. Ed was a World War II veteran from the Town of Byron who passed away in 2023 at the age of 100.

**For More Information:** Contact Maureen Betz, Byron Historical Society, at [byronhistorical@att.net](mailto:byronhistorical@att.net).