



# The Lincoln Highway Comes of Age

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The Lincoln Highway  
National Museum & Archives  
Presents



The 1st Annual  
**2011--Lincoln Highway Flag Essay Contest--2011**

150th Anniversary

"The First Public Flag Day Celebration"  
featuring

**The 75 Original 1929 USFA Flag Essay Contest Questions**

April 29th thru June 14th



*The Champions of the First Flag Contest were decorated with Crosses of Honor by Vice-President Curtis at the Vesper Flag Service on the steps of National Capitol, an annual patriotic ceremony of The United States Flag Association*



**"Old Glory's Greatest Glory!"**

*Press Release*

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### **For Immediate Release**

Washington, DC-The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives is pleased to announce the 1st Annual - Lincoln Highway Flag Essay Contest to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of The First Public Flag Day Celebration in Hartford, CT on June 14, 1861

Craig Harmon, Founder and Director of the Museum said, "The contest is modeled after the 1929 Flag Essay contest sponsored by The United States Flag Association and the Hearst Newspapers and features the theme, "Old Glory's Greatest Glory" and original 75 questions from the 1929 contest which are available for download on the Flag Essay Web Page.

The 75 Flag Questions must be answered and emailed along with the Essay via the Flag Essay Web Page by June 11th at 12 Midnight EST to celebrate this historic event.

And speaking of historic events, this year not only marks the 150th Anniversary of The First Public Flag Day Celebration, but the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War which provided the catalyst for The First Flag Day & Constitution Day Celebrations in Hartford.

Accordingly, during the early days of the War, President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 troops which was met in part by the citizens of Hartford, CT. That being the case, as patriotic sentiment grew and local troops mustered for the trip to Washington, Jonathan F. Morris, a prominent banker noticed the spontaneous & universal raising of flags from every, mast, spire, house & public building.

As a result, one day during a visit to The Hartford Evening Press for news of the war, he mentioned it to his friend & editor, Charles Dudley Warner suggesting since the Anniversary of the Flag was near, a Proper Public Celebration was in order since The Flag & Constitution were on trial.

That being the case, Mr. Warner immediately fell in with the idea, and wrote an editorial suggesting for the first time, two new National Holidays: Flag Day and Constitution Day! And..the rest is history!! Thus we see, Abraham Lincoln, The Flag & The Constitution are One & Inseparable!!

Therefore, "Flag & Constitution Lovers" across the Nation are invited to participate in this "Historic Opportunity" with categories established in 6 age groups: 1.) Grade School - K thru 6th Grade; 2.) Middle School - 7th & 8th Grade; 3.) High School - 9th thru 12th Grade; 4.) College - Freshman thru Graduate; 5.) Middle Age - 18 thru 59; and 6.) Senior - 60 and Up.

Essays should be in English and be no more than 544 words which is Twice the number used by Abraham Lincoln in his famous Gettysburg Address.

Entries will ONLY be received via e-mail thru the Flag Essay Contest Web Page and should be typed in either Word or WordPerfect and MUST include, Name, Address, Phone, Age, Category and E-mail.

Deadline for Questions & Essays will be Wednesday June 11th at 12 Midnight EST with the winners announced on Flag Day, June 14th.

Winners will receive a certificate suitable for framing with additional prizes yet to be announced.

**Contest Rules and Full Details Are Available At:**  
[www.lincoln-highway-museum.org/FEC-2011/Essay-Index.html](http://www.lincoln-highway-museum.org/FEC-2011/Essay-Index.html)  
Interviews at 202-536-5329

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## **Rules**

### **1. Contest**

75 Flag Questions & Essay  
concerning  
"Old Glory's Greatest Glory!"

### **2. Language** English

### **3. Length** 544 Words or Less

### **4. Format** Word or Word Perfect

### **5. Eligibility** Open To All

### **6. Entry Form** Name, address, Phone Category, Age, E-mail

### **7. Deadline** June 11th -12 Midnight, EST

### **8. Submissions** E-mail Only

### **9. Judge** Lincoln Highway Museum

### **10. All Essays** Museum Has Right To Publish

## **6 Categories**

### **1. Grade School** K-6 Grade

### **2. Junior High** 7th - 8th Grade

### **3. High School** 9th - 12th Grade

### **4. College** Freshman - Graduate

### **5. Middle Age** 18 - 59

### **6. Seniors** 60 Plus

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## **Prizes**

### **Grand Prize**

1st Place

2nd Place

3rd Place

Honorable Mention

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