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The Stories That Shape Us

Student Essay
Contest for
America's 250th
Anniversary

DEADLINE :

May 31st, 2026
11:59pm CT

Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton invites students in grades 6–12 to submit an essay in celebration of America's 250th year.

Winners will have their essays displayed in Chicago and Springfield, plus other prizes!

MORE DETAILS & PRIZES :

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