

Mount Vernon Numismatic Society Essay Contest Rules: 2009-2010 School Year

Who we are:

The Mount Vernon Numismatic Society is an association of persons sharing a common interest in the study and collecting of coins, tokens, medals, bank notes, etc. More can be learned about the society at our Website: mvns.org.

The Mount Vernon (Ohio) Numismatic Society wants to increase awareness and interest in coin collecting for knowledge, understanding and enjoyment by the public. The purpose of this essay contest is to stimulate such interest among the youth of Knox County Ohio.

Our postal address is:

MVNS
PO Box 811
Mount Vernon, OH 43050-0811

Who is eligible?

All Knox County Ohio (and Utica OH) students in grades 7-12 in public, private and home schools are eligible. Students must submit **original work** and have a teacher sign the contest entry form.

Format

The essay must be between 250 and 500 words in length and must include an entry form. Entries may be typed or handwritten but must be double-spaced.

Entering the contest

Send all entries by US Mail to the society at the address above. **No entries will be accepted through any other channel or means.**

Awards

One winner will be selected.

Entry Deadline:

All entries must be received by **March 31, 2010**.
Entry forms are available on the MVNS website and by written request at the address above.

Contest Rules:

1. There is no charge to enter the contest.
2. Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others.
3. The contest is open to all Knox County Ohio resident students in grades 7-12 in public, private and home schools. Those residing in Licking County yet inside the Utica Oh school district are also eligible.
4. Contestants may submit only one essay entry during any given contest year.
5. The Mount Vernon Numismatic Society will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.
6. The Mount Vernon Numismatic Society will have the right to publish the names and schools of contest winners.
7. Each contestant should read a copy of the rules and must complete the entry form. The rules contain information about the contest, judging and awards.
8. Participants must write on any topic related to numismatics (coin collecting) for example "The Lincoln Cent," or "Why I Like the State Quarters."
9. Each entry must include the Contest Entry Form and must be mailed to the society at: MVNS, PO BOX 811, Mount Vernon, OH 43050.
10. Essays may be typewritten or legibly handwritten.
11. Essays must contain at least 250 words but no more than 500 words. Every word of the essay is counted except the title, bibliography or footnotes.
12. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
13. Essays must be written in English.
14. The entry must be stapled together with the official Contest Entry Form.
15. Judging will be completed by a panel selected by the executive committee of the Mount Vernon Numismatic Society. The decision of the panel is final and no protests will be accepted.
16. The Society reserves the right to modify or cancel the contest.

Awards:

The winner will receive a \$100 cash award, a collectible coin and a one year membership in the society.