



## 2018 ESSAY CONTEST

### **Mayor's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Essay Contest for Coastal Bend 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Graders**

The Corpus Christi Mayor's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Big Bang Celebration is hosting an essay contest for 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Each entry will receive 1 admission ticket to Hurricane Alley Water Park.

The winner must attend a City Council meeting in June where he or she will read a portion of the essay, receive recognition, and an award. The winner must be available and willing to participate in the Mayor's Fourth of July Parade. The winner will also receive a Kindle Fire HD 10 with Alexa Hands-Free, 10.1" 1080p Full HD Display, 32 GB provided by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Corpus Christi Chapter and will attend a special luncheon with the DAR chapter in September 2018.

The second-place winner will receive a membership for two (winner and one parent) to the Texas State Aquarium. The third-place winner will receive a one-year family membership for the Lexington Museum on the Bay.

Below are the essay requirements:

**Essay Prompt:** Reflecting on the history and deeper meaning of the Fourth of July is important. It is also fun to remember the wonderful ways our nation celebrates.

***What does the 4<sup>th</sup> of July mean to you?***

**Length Requirements:** 600–1,000 words

**Cover Page Should Include:** Full name, school, grade, teacher's contact information, student, and parent contact information (including email address, street address and phone number).

**Final Essay Due:** Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Essays submitted by email should be in Word or PDF format (preferred) to [FourthofJuly@cctexas.com](mailto:FourthofJuly@cctexas.com) Attn: Connie Paddock, Patriotism and Education Chairperson. Mailed submissions can be sent to the Mayor's Office at 1201 Leopard St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

*For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office at 826-3100, or by email at [FourthofJuly@cctexas.com](mailto:FourthofJuly@cctexas.com)*