

2024 National Police Week, 4th-5th grade Essay Contest

Who? All elementary school students in Jacksonville & Morgan County grades 4 & 5.

What? An essay titled: "If I were a police officer or sheriff's deputy, this is what I'd do to keep my community safe."

When? All essays must be received no later than 4:30PM on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024.

Where? Essays are to be mailed to or dropped off at the Jacksonville Police Department, located on the west side of the Jacksonville Municipal Building at 200 West Douglas in Jacksonville, IL.

Details: Essays are to be typed and printed on plain white copy paper or written legibly in manuscript or cursive in blue or black ink on white lined paper. Essays are to be 250 words or less using no less than three and no more than five paragraphs. Essays will be judged on both content and context: original thinking; practical application; subject specific; correct grammar & spelling.

Two winning essays will be selected, one from Jacksonville and one from Morgan County. Along with each winner's 1st Place Award Certificate, their teacher and class will be treated to a Pizza Party! Ten additional Runner-up Certificates will be awarded as well. Copies of the selected essays will be submitted to the Source for publication and posted at a designated spot in the Jacksonville Municipal Building for public review during National Police Week, May 12-18, 2024.