

# Dobbs Ferry Historical Society

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## ESSAY CONTEST OUTLINE

**OBJECTIVE:** *To foster and inspire an appreciation of the long and rich history of the Village of Dobbs Ferry and to introduce students to the role that the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society plays in preserving our village history.*

- Essay topic: "**WHY MONUMENTS MATTER**".  
While Dobbs Ferry itself has quite a number of historical monuments located throughout the village which may inspire students to write about them, the subject of "Why Monuments Matter" can be interpreted by students in any way they wish.
- Essays are to be 400 – 750 words in length.
- Deadline: All essays to be submitted to the Historical Society by no later than Sunday, April 30, 2017.  
Mail or hand-deliver essay submissions to the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society at the address above or  
Email to: DFHISTORY@iCloud.com

### **WINNING ESSAY AWARDS:**

- The student with the winning essay will receive a \$50 cash award. Two runners up will each receive \$25 cash awards.
- The winner and runners up will be invited to march in the Dobbs Ferry Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017 alongside the American Legion Commander.
- The winner may assist the Commander in laying a commemorative wreath.
- The winning essay will be printed in the Historical Society's publication, "*The Ferryman*" and appear on the Historical Society's web site.
- ALL STUDENTS who submit essays, along with their parents, siblings and friends, will be invited to a reception on Sunday May 21, 2017 at The Mead House, the Historical Society's headquarters located at 12 Elm Street in DF. The winning essay will be read by the author during this event.

### **A sampling of Historical Monuments located within the Village of Dobbs Ferry:**

- At the base of the flagpole in front of DFHS.
- East side of Broadway (in front of 152 Broadway, the condominium complex known as Washington's Headquarters).
- On the grounds of the Little White Church Cemetery on Ashford Avenue next to the Lutheran Church.
- Waterfront Park (total of 4 monuments).
- At base of flagpole in Memorial Park.
- Vest-pocket Park at the intersection of Livingston Avenue and Broadway.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPATING STUDENTS...and HAVE FUN!**