



# 4th Grade Student Essay Competition

## Celebrating a Diverse Indiana

**What is diversity and why is it important to Indiana? Write an essay, and you could be honored at a virtual Statehood Day celebration!**

The **Indiana Center for the Book** is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana's 204th Statehood Day! This year's theme is *Celebrating a Diverse Indiana*. Winners of the essay contest will be honored on Friday, December 11, 2020 in a virtual ceremony. Questions? Email [youngreaderscenter@library.in.gov](mailto:youngreaderscenter@library.in.gov).

**First Place: CollegeChoice 529 Deposit of \$250!**

**2nd, 3rd, and 4th Place Winners:  
CollegeChoice 529 Deposits of \$150!**

Entry forms are available here:

<http://www.in.gov/library/statehood.htm>



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**Any Indiana fourth grade class or student is welcome to attend the Statehood Day virtual ceremony, regardless of whether or not they participate in the contest or have a winner. Registration is required.**

## — ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND DEADLINES —

The competition is open to any Indiana 4th grade public, private, or homeschooled student, in the 2020-2021 school year. A panel of judges will choose 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners.

Essays must range from 100 to 300 words, handwritten or typed.

Essays must be submitted with an entry form. Individual entries should use the **2020 Individual Entry form**. Class sets should use the **2020 Group Entry Form**. In addition, the following information should be included on each essay for class sets: student name, teacher name, and school name.

Essays should be well organized and reflective of the theme: *Celebrating a Diverse Indiana*. Judges are looking forward to seeing your students' interpretation of the theme. Some ideas to help them could be: *What is diversity? What does it mean to live in a diverse state? In what different ways can a state be diverse? In its economy? Its plants? Its people?* This contest supports the following Indiana Educational Standards: **4.W.3.2, 4.W.4, 4.W.6.1 all, 4.W.6.2 all**

Entries may be mailed OR emailed.

**Mail your entries to:** Indiana Center for the Book  
Indiana State Library  
140 N. Senate Ave  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or **Email** your entries as an attachment to [youngreaderscenter@library.in.gov](mailto:youngreaderscenter@library.in.gov)

Mailed essays must be postmarked by **Friday, October 16, 2020.**

Emailed entries must be received by **Friday, October 16, 2020.**

**The winners will be expected to record their essays for a virtual ceremony open to any fourth grade class or student.**

Visit this link to register for the online virtual ceremony:

[https://bit.ly/Statehood\\_Day](https://bit.ly/Statehood_Day)

