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THE PHILIP F. HAXEL SR. PATRIOTISM HONOR ROLL

Dear 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Educators (*and Online Participants/Parents*):

This year, you will choose one of three topics: (1) "Why is the American Flag important to me?" or (2) "Why do we say the Pledge of Allegiance?" or (3) "The Maryland vehicle license plate has changed. Why?" We will be evaluating research as well as personal opinions (*complexity will differ at each grade level*).

It is hoped that many children will tender creative compositions **to their teachers** (*if a 2012 selected school*), **or online** (*if not in the Maryland area or not a participating school*). Essays should include some research and resource information in support of the opinions expressed in their composition.

Teachers, please choose the three "best" per grade level applicants, and prepare your submission package as outlined below and mail to Mrs. Marie Sassé, Chairperson; Living American Flag Contest; 2810 Alden Road; Baltimore, MD 21234, or fax to 410-821-1252, or email to linda@americanflagfoundation.org by March 2, 2012. Online applicants, please write the word **ONLINE** on your submission page, and forward as directed above. All online (*includes home-schools*) entries will be judged as one category, three grade levels.

Submission Package Prerequisites/Organization:

1. Student compositions shall be original handwritten copies.
It is suggested that teachers make copies for their records.
2. Each student composition shall have a title at the top and the writer's name, grade level, school name and address at the bottom.
3. Your school's total submission package (or your personal online package) will be "covered" with a completed *Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Response Form*, which is included.
4. Your submission package will be acknowledged upon receipt by Mrs. Sassé.

The contest committee will examine submissions from all **FOUR categories** based on content, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and handwriting.

STEP 1 - CATEGORIES: The 2012 participating schools: **ONE** Baltimore City, **TWO** Cecil County, and **THREE** Archdiocese of Baltimore. One winner will be chosen from each 3rd, 4th & 5th grade level per school. **FOUR** Online: One winner will be chosen from each 3rd, 4th & 5th grade level submissions. ALL winners will be notified by May 4, 2012. These winners will receive from The American Flag Foundation a Philip F. Haxel, Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Certificate recognizing their achievement.

STEP 2: One "over-all" winner from each school (and from online) – 4 winners – will be chosen as the "Baton of Patriotism" winners, and awarded a unique plaque acknowledging their accomplishment, as well as public recognition on The American Flag Foundation's website. The winners may even meet the Orioles Bird on-field!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Marie Sassé at 410-668-8209.



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The Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll Response Form

Please return this form with your selections below no later than **March 2, 2012**

I, _____ (educator*) am submitting compositions from the following students to the Philip F. Haxel Sr. Patriotism Honor Roll contest. His/Her name will appear as listed below:

Grade 3

1
2
3

Grade 4

1
2
3

Grade 5

1
2
3

School Name _____

School Address _____

Principal _____

****ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: Please put your name in the applicable grade category, and write "ONLINE" in the educator space at top of form.***

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Please return form and entries to:

Mrs. Marie Sasse, Chairperson
Living American Flag Contest Committee
2810 Alden Road
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