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Purpose: To strengthen the moral and spiritual foundations of the family and the home.

FIFTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

“What My Mother Means to Me”

Eligible Students: Must be in fifth grade or its equivalent

Title of Essay: “What My Mother Means to Me”

Time Frame:	September 30	Essay Competition begins
	February 10	Final date Essays can be accepted by the teacher
	February 20	Essays due from teacher to AMI State Association
	March 15	State winning essay sent to the National Chair
	March 25	National judging
	April	National Winner contacted
		National Winner announced at the AMI annual convention

Requirements: **Handwritten neatly using black ink**, one side only of 8 ½ x 11 inch notebook page.
 Use one inch margin all around.
 150 words or less (not including title)
 Use of dictionary permitted, but essay must be student’s own work
 Mother’s specific identity must not be revealed in essay
 Student’s name must not appear on any pages except Entry Form
 Completed Entry Form must be attached to the top of essay

Judged on: **Content and focus** – How well the essay tells the reader about the writer’s mother
Organization of essay
Word choice and style – How creatively and well words are used
Sentence fluency – How well the writer says exactly what is intended
Mechanics – Obey rules of writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar

Judged by: State winners are selected by a state team of judges.
 Only the first place essay will be forwarded to the national judges.
 National judges select the national winners.
 Decision of the judges is final.

Winners: National winner receives a monetary prize

<p>State AMI Contact Information</p>

If you cannot find information concerning the State Association in your area, please contact the National Office.



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ENTRY FORM - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Essays cannot be considered without this form

STUDENT: Print Full Name _____

Are you in the fifth grade or its equivalent? ____ Yes ____ No Age _____

Home address _____

Family Telephone Number: Home _____ Work _____

Parent's Email: _____

Do you attend school? ____ Yes ____ No Are you home schooled? ____ Yes ____ No

Name of school _____

School address _____

Print your teacher's name _____

AUTHORIZATION OF RELEASE FORM: We understand and agree that this entry will now become the property of and all copyrights will belong to American Mothers, Inc.® (hereafter AMI). The entrant grants permission for AMI to publish in its magazine or promotional materials as well as on its internet site, all or part of the submitted essay and to use the entrant's name (and photo, if the parent permits). Winning entries, and the names of all the final essay winners, will be used all without royalty or other consideration to the entrant.

Release of entry ____ Yes ____ No Photo will be made available ____ Yes ____ No

Signed by parent _____ Date _____

SIGN BELOW to verify that the essay is completely the student's own work; he/she copied nothing.

Student's own signature _____

Parent's name, printed _____

Parent's signature: _____

TEACHER/PARENT: STAPLE THIS ENTRY FORM TO THE FRONT OF THE ESSAY
Be sure that the student's name does not appear on the essay page.