



## **“Weld RE-4 Heroes”**

### **Weld RE-4 Education Foundation 2026 Essay Contest**

In our Weld RE-4 community, we have many different individuals who have an impact on our students' education daily: teachers, administrators, counselors, bus drivers, crossing guards and other staff members. They all play an important part in creating an environment for innovation and success for our students. Each one makes a difference in our children's lives every day.

As part of celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week, the Weld RE-4 Education Foundation is inviting all students enrolled in the Weld RE-4 School District to participate in our annual essay contest, telling us about their “Weld RE-4 Hero.” Essays will be judged based on the quality and sincerity of the student's writing (taking into consideration the student's grade level) and the compelling story of how the featured hero has made a difference for that student.

#### **PRIZES:**

Students: One winner will be selected from each of the following grade categories:

Pre-K to 2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, middle school (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and high school (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades).

The student winner in each category will receive a \$100 prize donated by the Windsor branch of Bank of Colorado.

Heroes: The “Hero” from the district honored in each of the first-place essays will receive a \$50 Windsor Downtown Alliance gift card, donated by Greg Backhaus of Edward Jones.

#### **CONTEST RULES:**

- Entries may be dropped off at the District Office 1020 Main Street, in Windsor by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1st. Entries may be mailed to the Foundation at PMB #4178 1298 Main Street Unit A, Windsor, CO, but must be post-marked no later than Friday, May 1st. Entries can also be e-mailed to: [education\\_foundation@weldre4.org](mailto:education_foundation@weldre4.org)

#### **No late entries will be accepted.**

- Each essay submitted should have the entry form completed and attached. **DO NOT PLACE THE PARTICIPANT'S NAME ON THE ESSAY ITSELF**; all essays will be judged anonymously by a committee of volunteers selected by the Foundation. Winners will be determined in the judges' sole discretion based upon the criteria stated above.
- The contest is open to all students enrolled in the Weld RE-4 school district; one entry per student.
- Maximum length: Two pages typed, using double-spacing and 12-pt type. Handwritten entries are allowed for pre-K to 5th grade participants.
- All entries may be publicly disseminated, including in print and social media; a copy of each essay will also be provided to the Weld RE-4 hero honored by the student.
- Winners will be announced honored at the May school board meeting. Photos of the winners will be taken at that meeting and made public.

**SELECTION OF WINNER:** All entries will be judged by a panel of judges selected by the Board of Directors of the Educational Foundation. Winners will be determined in the judges' sole discretion, based upon the following criteria: compelling nature of teacher's inspiring qualities, sincerity of student's appreciation, and the quality of expression and writing (taking into consideration the student's grade level). Questions should be directed to Kelly Moll, Executive Director at [kelly.moll@weldre4.org](mailto:kelly.moll@weldre4.org) or 970-391-8125.

# “MY WELD RE-4 HERO”

2026 Essay contest registration application

Attach this form to essay submission – **Do Not put name on essay**

Student name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

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Name of Weld RE-4 hero honored in essay: \_\_\_\_\_

Hero’s school or other location: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, the Parent/Guardian of the participating student gives permission for his/her child to participate in the contest and agrees to the contest rules, which are final and binding in all respects. Students over the age of 18 may give permission on his/her own behalf.

Parent/Guardian (print name) – or student if over age 18

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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