



**PILGRIM SOCIETY &
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Pilgrim Hall Museum Annual Teen Essay Contest

Every year Pilgrim Hall Museum commemorates Forefather's Day in honor of the December 21, 1620 landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth. As part of that commemoration, the museum offers a Teen Essay Contest to encourage Plymouth students to think about the Pilgrims and their experience. The 2014 Teen Essay Contest is sponsored by Lougee Insurance Agency.

William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Colony, wrote, "All great and honorable actions are accompanied with great difficulties, and both must be enterprised and overcome with answerable courage." In keeping with this theme, Pilgrim Hall Museum asks, "The Pilgrims, honoring their beliefs, exhibited utmost courage departing for the unknown, leaving behind all that was familiar. In 2014 how do you see such courage shown?"

The contest is open to any student in grades 10 through 12 who is a Plymouth resident or enrolled in Plymouth schools, or a child (or grandchild) of a Pilgrim Society member. Please submit a 250-word essay answering this question by November 15, 2014.

The winning essay will be selected based on content and spirit. The winner will receive tickets for themselves and their parents (or grandparents) to the 189th Forefathers Day Dinner (Saturday, December 20, 2014) where they will have an opportunity to meet the evening's guest speaker, filmmaker Ric Burns. The winner will also receive a gift certificate to Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Entries should be submitted to Patrick Browne, Executive Director, by November 15, 2014 either by mail (Pilgrim Hall Museum, 75 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360) or email (director@pilgrimhallmuseum.org). Hard copy submissions should have the student's name and classroom information on the back of the page.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court Street (Route 3A), Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

Information: 508-746-1620; Web site: www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and the month of January.

Admission: Adults \$8.00; seniors (62+) \$7.00; Children (5-17) \$5.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) \$25.00. Pilgrim Society members and Plymouth residents are admitted free.