



Missouri Peace Officers Foundation

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To: Missouri Eighth Grade English Departments:

For thirty-four years, the Missouri Peace Officers Foundation has focused our efforts on keeping children safe through initiatives such as our 8th Grade Essay Contest. This year's essay contest topic reflects on: *"Will AI Be a Threat or Opportunity For My Generation"*

The MPOF will award a total of \$1,600 in cash prizes to contestants who will be judged by a panel of top Missouri law enforcement professionals. The prizes will be awarded in the spring of 2026 honoring the top winners and their school from both the east and west sides of Missouri.

The enclosed brochure gives details of the contest. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the MPOF office. This is a great opportunity for Missouri's finest – educators and law enforcement officers – to make a difference for our children. The 34th annual contest will begin immediately, with the top three essays from your class(es) being **received at** MPOF no later than February 18, 2026. Please e-mail your top three essays, as individual documents, to the.mpoa@mopoa.org or mail them to the address listed in the brochure. Please **do not** email the essays via Google Docs.

New: The student's name, class hour, and teacher's name must be on page 1 of each essay.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Ronkoski".

Chief Bob Ronkoski, Retired
President
Missouri Peace Officers Foundation