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### Kansas Students Invited to Enter Annual Essay Contest

Students who love Kansas are invited to enter the annual essay contest /Kansas! Say It Above a whisper, /sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas. This contest focuses on state pride and is open to Kansas students in grades eight through 12. Essays must be limited to 250 words (about one double-spaced typewritten page) and must be submitted electronically by email no later than November 28, 2014.

The essay should include the author's name, school, grade, mailing address, and phone number. Send entries to: Terry Marmet, Kansas Historical Foundation, [membership@kshs.org](mailto:membership@kshs.org) <<mailto:membership@kshs.org>>. Include "Boyd Essay Contest" in the subject line of the email.

Early day Kansas newspaperwoman Mamie Boyd coined the phrase that is used for the contest title. Her family continues to provide the cash award for the first place winner. Past essays have described interesting and strong-hearted Kansans, the state's vast grain crops and grasslands, diversities in population, and the emotions and pride called to mind by the state's unique beauty.

A panel from the Kansas Historical Society and the Foundation will judge entries. Judges look for quality of writing, originality, creativity, and sincerity in expressing pride in the state of Kansas. Winners will be announced and recognized at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, Friday, January 30, 2015, in Topeka. For more information, contact Terry Marmet, director of operations, Kansas Historical Foundation, 785-272-8681, ext. 209; [membership@kshs.org](mailto:membership@kshs.org) <<mailto:membership@kshs.org>>.

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