



4th Grade History Pass Promotion FAQ's

Q: What is the 4th Grade History Pass?

A: The 4th Grade History Pass is a promotion to provide every 4th grade student in Ohio with the opportunity to visit a participating history-related museum in Ohio by providing a voucher for free general admission. Accompanying families will pay regular admission. The program and vouchers may not be used for group visit admission (other restrictions may apply). This program is part of Ohio's celebration of the U.S. 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence which will occur in 2026.

Q: Who receives free admission?

A: The free admission is for any Ohio 4th grader. The family members who will visit with the 4th grade student will pay regular admission for the museum or historic site they wish to visit.

Q: How does the 4th grader get in free?

A: Go to america250-ohio.org/fourth-grade-pass and download the voucher. When you go to a participating history-related museum, show the voucher on your phone or printed copy to receive one (1) free admission for the 4th grade student.

Q: Why did you choose to offer it to 4th graders?

A: The promotion aligns with the grade when students learn about Ohio history in school. Fourth-grade students in the state of Ohio study the early development of Ohio and the United States.

From the ODE Website:

"The fourth-grade year focuses on the early development of Ohio and the United States. Students learn about the history, geography, government and economy of their state and nation. Foundations of U.S. history are laid as students study prehistoric Ohio cultures, early American life, the U.S. Constitution, and the development and growth of Ohio and the United States. Students begin to understand how ideas and events from the past have shaped Ohio and the United States today."

The promotion will allow fourth-grade students to further explore and understand Ohio's unique contribution to the U.S. for the past 250+ years and to see how they fit into the larger story of Ohio. We hope students will come away inspired and excited about the history of Ohio and how it has helped share our nation's history.

Q: What happens if we can't visit until my student is in the 5th grade?

A: We would encourage you to use the voucher while your student is still in 4th grade since we are aligning it with Ohio curriculum, but we know life happens, so please feel free to use it after 4th grade if necessary.

Q: When will the voucher be available to download?

A: Beginning February 8, 2024, it will be available on america250-ohio/fourth-grade-pass

Q: When will the passes expire?

A: They are good through December 31, 2026.

Q: Can they be used in more than just one history museum?

A: Yes, they can be used in more than one location, provided the museum is one of the participating history-related museums. You will need to show a voucher at each location.

Q: Which history museums are participating?

A: Participating history museums throughout the state of Ohio, including the Cincinnati Museum Center, Ohio History Connection sites, and Western Reserve Historical Society/Cleveland History Center and Hale Farm and Village. To find an up-to-date list of participating history museums visit america250-ohio/fourth-grade-pass/list

Q: What do we do when we get to the history museum to use the voucher?

A: The student and their family will take the voucher to the participating location of their choice and show it to the box office team member for one free admission for the fourth-grade student.

Q: What will the free admission include?

A: It will only cover the museum's general admission. You should plan to pay the fees for any extra activities such as a special event, planetarium show, giant screen film, special exhibition, etc., they are not included in the offer.

Q: Are there other restrictions?

A: Pass Restrictions:

- One pass per fourth-grade student per transaction to receive free general admission to the participating history museum.
- May not be used for group admission.
- The pass must be shown at the time of purchase – may be shown as a digital version on a smartphone or printed version.
- Pass program and all passes expire on December 31, 2026.

Q: We're a history museum, how can we participate in the program?

A: Go to America250-ohio.org/fourth-grade pass and click on the "Become a Museum Partner" link and complete the form. The following would be part of the terms and conditions:

1. Agree to provide the voucher holder fourth-grade student with one free general admission.
2. Link to the America 250-Ohio website to the landing page for the promotion.
3. List on venue's website the offer and link to AM 250-OH landing page.
4. Place appropriate signage at the venue's box office or other locations.
5. Set-up the discount in the ticket system and report quarterly redemptions (using a simple form that will be emailed to the appropriate team member).
6. Inform box office, call center, and guest relations teams about the offer to be able to accept the coupon and answer guest's questions.

Museums are welcome but not required to add any additional benefits they wish for the fourth-grade student and their families such as some sort of photo op, recognition, additional discounts, etc.

Q: Our museum is not exclusively about promoting history, but we would like to participate, is that okay?

A: Yes, you are welcome to participate if you align with the program's goals and objectives of providing 4th graders with free general admission when visiting with a family group and complete the paperwork associated with becoming a site. Visit the website and complete the "Become a Museum Partner" section to apply.

Q: If our museum participates, are we expected to verify that the student is actually in the 4th grade?

A: No proof of someone's status as a 4th grader is required to download or use the pass. We would suggest to your box office that they can apply an commonsense guidelines to the use of the pass at your discretion.