



# **2023 Mr. Cordell Henderson - LANSING JUNETEENTH ESSAY COMPETITION AND SCHOLARSHIP**

**CONTEST DATES: February 26<sup>TH</sup> through April 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

## **Juneteenth PREPARING THE ESSAY WORKSHOPS**

Competition Dates: February 26 – April 15, 2023

Workshop Dates and Locations

**March 8, 2023**

6:00 p.m.

Capital Area District Library – South Branch

3500 S. Cedar St.

Lansing, MI 48910

Conference Room

**March 15, 2023**

6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85808259001?pwd=bnR4ckNlcZKcVdtNWh2aXhzdUIPQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 0825 9001

Passcode: 511834

**March 22, 2023**

6:00 p.m.

East Lansing Public Library

950 Abbott Road

East Lansing, MI 48823

The Meeting Room

**April 5, 2023**

6:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87554033347?pwd=eU9HYIVWRnZHZStLSHBzMW10N1Zsdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 5403 3347

Passcode: 730854

## ESSAY CATEGORIES & AWARDS

### \*CATEGORY IV: Grades 11th and 12th

#### **Juneteenth-Bellamy-Taylor Academic Talent Scholarship**

##### **Award Values:**

**1st Place - \$500 (scholarship\*)**

**2nd Place - \$400 (scholarship\*)**

\*Scholarship Consultants available upon request

#### **Olivet College Academic Talent Scholarship**

##### **Award Values:**

**1st Place – Essay Winner (scholarship\*\*)**

**2nd Place – Essay Winner (scholarship\*\*)**

**Scholarship Value – Up to \$30,000 (Tuition Only)**

\*\* Awarding is based on the student's admittance to and subsequent attendance at Olivet College.

## ESSAY TOPICS / CRITERIA

### **CATEGORY IV- Talent Scholarships for Grades 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Topic – Write your 600-to-800-word essay on the following:**

- 1.** Explain the historical context that led to Juneteenth.
- 2.** What is Juneteenth and why is celebrating it more important today than ever before?
- 3.** Draw a connection between the Juneteenth celebration of freedom and other cultural celebrations of freedom or independence.
- 4.** Reflect on why it is important that we continue to recognize and cultivate knowledge of and appreciation for other cultural celebrations of freedoms across the world.

## Essay Writing Requirements.

- Essays must be the student's original work. Plagiarism will not be accepted.
- Essay must be complete and formatted per the student application checklist (see application).
  - Typed in 12 pt. or 14 pt. Times New Roman or Arial font
  - Double spaced with a bibliography listing all references used.
  - Word count cannot be less than or exceed category range.
- Essay must have a title and stay on the topic. Essays will be judged on the correct use of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and originality.
- Maps, drawings, pictures, and graphics should not be included.

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## ENTRY SUBMISSIONS & AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Entries received after April 15, 2023 will not be eligible and will not be returned.**
- Essay submissions can be submitted to the Juneteenth website ([lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org](http://lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org)) from February 26<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please check website for drop off locations for hard copies.
- The Juneteenth Essay Award program will be held on **June 15, 2023 at Lansing Community College. Time 6:00 PM.**
- **Any student having previously won an award is ineligible** for entry into the same category, however, the student is eligible if, moving to a new category. Ex: From Category I to Category II or Category III to Category IV  
**Awarding of the Juneteenth Bellamy-Taylor- Academic Talent Scholarship is based upon the following:**
- Students who need to speak to a Scholarship Specialist to secure more funding may do so by notifying the Juneteenth Education Sub-Committee.
- **Awarding of the Olivet Academic Talent Scholarships (Category IV only)** is based on the student's ability to be admitted to, and subsequently attend Olivet College. To be considered for admission to Olivet College:
  - Students must complete an application for admission to Olivet College, which can be done at [www.olivetcollege.edu](http://www.olivetcollege.edu).
  - Students must submit official high school transcripts to Olivet College.
  - Students must submit official ACT or SAT scores to Olivet College.
  - Admission is based on a combination of the student's cumulative high school GPA and ACT or SAT score
  - Students will be considered for admission after all official, requested admissions documents are submitted to the admissions office.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CONTACTS

**For more information, please contact** [www.LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org](http://www.LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org). To verify receipt of application please go to Juneteenth website and click on Contact to send message. Receipt verification must be done within ten (10) days of submission if no e-mail verification from Juneteenth is received.