



2022 Dr. Eva L. Evans - LANSING

JUNETEENTH

CONTEST DATES: February 27TH through April 23rd , 2022



Virtual Juneteenth “Preparing the Essay” Workshops:

Wednesday, March 9th – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 Wednesday, March 14th – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 Thursday, April 16th – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 853 8400 5837
 Password: 386692

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Presenters: Juneteenth Education Sub-Committee Members

ESSAY CATEGORIES & AWARDS

CATEGORY I	CATEGORY II	CATEGORY III
Grade 6th Essay Contest Award Values: 1st Place - \$75 (value) 2nd Place - \$50 (value)	Grades, 7th & 8th Essay Contest Award Values: 1st Place - \$100 (value) 2nd Place - \$75 (value)	Grades 9th & 10th Essay Contest Award Values: 1st Place - \$200 (value) 2nd Place - \$150 (value)
*CATEGORY IV: Grades 11th and 12th		
Juneteenth-Bellamy-Taylor Academic Talent Scholarship Award Values: 1st Place - \$500 (scholarship*) 2nd Place - \$400 (scholarship*) *\$150 gift certificate to Rush Investment Unlimited to help pursue other avenues to pay for post-secondary education.		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.

- The contest is open to students in 6th – 12th grades in the greater Lansing, MI area school district and surrounding area.
- There will be one 1st place and one 2nd place winner selected for each category.
- A certificate of participation will be given to all students who enter and meet the contest criteria.
- Winners will be notified in writing and via phone.
- Any student who has previously won an award is ineligible for entry into this year’s contest unless participant has moved to a new category. Ex: From Category I to Category II, Category II to III or IV.
- 11th and 12th graders may only apply for one of the scholarships in Category IV.
- Awarding of the Olivet College Academic Talent Scholarships (Category IV) is based on the student’s admittance to and subsequent attendance at Olivet College.

ESSAY TOPICS / CRITERIA

CATEGORY I – Essay Contest for Grade 6th

Topic – Write your 300 –to-400-word essay on the following:

1. What is Juneteenth?
2. What family member or person did you ask about Juneteenth and how was the holiday explained?

CATEGORY II - Essay Contest for Grades 7th and 8th

Topic – Write your 400-to-500-word essay on the following:

1. What is Juneteenth?
2. Why do we celebrate this event?
3. Think about and describe the historical significance of Juneteenth to the Black/African American culture in the United States.

CATEGORY III – Essay Contest for Grades 9th and 10th

Topic – Write your 500-to-600-word essay on the following:

1. What is Juneteenth?
2. Why is celebrating Juneteenth historically significant?
3. What connections can be drawn between Juneteenth and modern-day social justice movements in the United States?

CATEGORY IV- Talent Scholarships for Grades 11th and 12th

Topic – Write your 600-to-800 words 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 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.

(This program is not sponsored by the Capital Area District Library. Library staff cannot assist with contest detail questions.)

ENTRY SUBMISSIONS & AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Entries received after April 23rd, 2022 will not be eligible and will not be returned.**
 - Essay submissions can be submitted to any CADL branch location or to the Juneteenth website (www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org) from February 27th – April 23rd, 2022.
 - The Juneteenth Essay Award program will be held on **June 16th, 2022** at **Lansing Community College. Time TBA.**
 - **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:**
- A fee of \$150 will be paid to Rush Unlimited Investments from the Juneteenth Sponsorship funds for consulting fees help securing grants, scholarships, and other monies for their college education.
 - Students may opt-out of the Rush Unlimited Investment program with approval from the Juneteenth Education Committee upon receipt of documentation proving they have already secured other funding/scholarships or if the funds are for vocational/trade school.
- **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.
 - 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. To verify receipt of application please go to More tab on Juneteenth website and Click on Contact to send message. Receipt verification must be done within 10 days of submission if no e-mail verification from Juneteenth is received.

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

DR. EVA L. EVANS - LANSING JUNETEENTH ESSAY COMPETITION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Visit the Essay Contest page on www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org for more details. The Lansing Juneteenth Celebration is a project of Progressive Empowerment Education Resource Services - P.E.E.R.S. 501(c)(3). Juneteenth Education Program is presented in partnership with Olivet College. Contest Dates: February 27 th to April 23, 2022.

Student Name: _____ Student Age: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address (if different than above): _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name/Location: _____

School Type: ___ Public/Magnet ___ Charter ___ Home School ___ Faith-Based ___ Other: _____

Student Grade: ___ 6th ___ 7th ___ 8th ___ 9th ___ 10th ___ 11th ___ 12th

Entering Category: I ___ II ___ III ___ IV Olivet Academic Talent ___ or Bellamy-Taylor _____

How was contest communicated to you: ___ School ___ Community Center ___ Library ___ Church
___ Other (list place/person) _____

Parental Release: *am aware of my child's essay submission to the 15th annual Juneteenth essay contest and give permission for their participation. I understand that they will have their essay published electronically and in standard print format for general public viewing. Submitted essays become the property of the Lansing Juneteenth Committee and will not be returned.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be completed and submitted along with your essay and a picture. Incomplete forms are ineligible for consideration. The Juneteenth Award program will be held June 16, 2022 at LCC-MI Room; Time TBA:

Application Checklist

- _____ Signed Student Information Form
- _____ Student Photo
2 x 3 (for promotional purposes)
- _____ Essay
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 Word Count: _____
- _____ Applicant agrees to participate at the Juneteenth Opening Ceremony
- _____ Documentation to opt of Rush Unlimited Investments scholarship consulting.
(Bellamy-Taylor Scholarship contestants only)
- _____ Transcript (Olivet College applicants only)
Unofficial copy is acceptable for contest application.