

LANSING JUNETEENTH 2015 ESSAY CONTEST

ENTRY CRITERIA

This year's contest is open to any student in **grades 6th - 12th** in the greater Lansing area public, private, charter, parochial, or home school.

AWARDS: One essay will be selected for 1st and 2nd Place at each category level.

Award Values:

Category I: 1st Place - \$50 (value) 2nd Place - \$30(value)
Category II: 1st Place - \$100(value) 2nd Place - \$75(value)



Juneteenth "Preparing the Essay" Workshops

April 21, 2015 - Letts Community Center 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
April 30, 2015 - East Lansing Public Library 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CATEGORY I - 6th, 7th and 8th Grades (250 - 350 words)

Topic: Write your 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 - 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grades (400 - 500 words)

Topic: Write your essay on the following 1) *What is Juneteenth?* 2) *Why do we celebrate this event?* 3) *Reflect on why it is important that people in America and other countries continue to cultivate knowledge and appreciation of their freedoms, not only on Juneteenth Day, but every day.*

CONTEST RULES

- All contestants *must* complete and submit the 'Student Information Form' with their entry along with a picture (2 x 3 for promotional purposes).
- Essay Format must meet the following requirements:
- Maps, drawings, pictures, and graphics *should not* be included.
 1. Typed in 12 pt. or 14 pt. Times New Roman or Arial (font).
 2. Double-spaced with a bibliography, listing all references used.
 3. Essays must have a title and stay on the topic. They will be judged on the correct use of grammar, spelling, punctuation and originality.
 4. Word count cannot be less than or exceed category range.
- Any student who has previously won an Award is ineligible for entry into this year's contest, unless they have moved from Category I to Category II.
- 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.
- Bring the family member you asked about Juneteenth to the Juneteenth Award Program

DEADLINE

Essays must be taken to any Capital Area District Library - Main Library in Downtown Lansing or any CADL branch location April 6 - May 9, 2015. Entries received after May 9, 2015 will not be eligible and will not be returned. Juneteenth Award program will be held June 6, 2015 at CADL- Downtown Lansing.

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8th ANNUAL JUNETEENTH ESSAY CONTEST

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Essay Word Count: _____

How did you find out about the contest? ____ School ____ Community Center ____ Library ____ Church ____

List name of contact below (ex: Letts Community Center) _____

Parental Release: I am aware of my child's essay submission to the 8th Annual Juneteenth Essay Contest (2015) 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 Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

- ❖ **This form must be completed and submitted along with your essay and a picture (for promotional purposes only). Incomplete forms are ineligible for consideration.** Essays must be taken to any **Capital Area District Library - Main Library in Downtown Lansing - or- any CADL branch location no later than May 9, 2015.**

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