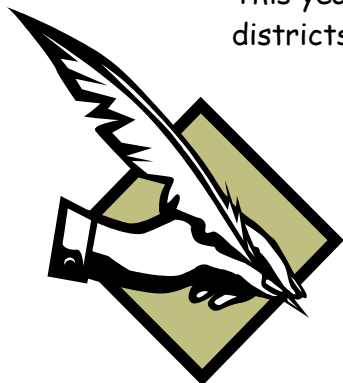


LANSING JUNETEENTH 2016 ESSAY CONTEST

ENTRY CRITERIA

This year's contest is open to students 6th - 12th grades in the greater Lansing area school districts. AWARDS: 1st and 2nd place winners will be selected for each category.



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 13, 2016 - McDonald Middle School - East Lansing 3:00 pm
April 13, 2016 - Letts Community Center - Lansing 6:30 pm
April 19, 2016 - CADL - Downtown - Lansing 6:30 pm

CONTEST RULES

CATEGORY I - 6th, 7th, 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 is it important that people in America and other countries continue to cultivate knowledge

FORMAT: All contestants *must* complete and submit the "Student Information Form" with their entry along with a picture (2 x 3 for promotional purposes).

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.

***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.**

***Maps, drawings, pictures, and graphics should not be included.**

***Any student who has previously won an award is ineligible for entry into this year's contest unless participant has moved from Category I to Category II.**

DEADLINE: Essay submissions can be submitted to any CADL branch location **April 4 - May 7, 2016.**

Entries received after May 7, 2016 will not be eligible and will not be returned. The Juneteenth essay award program will be held on **June 11, 2016 at 1:00 pm** at the CADL -Downtown Lansing.

For more information please contact Mrs. Lee Taylor, heanjulee07@yahoo.com 517 272-9964 or Dr. Pamela Bellamy, bellamy@msu.edu 517 432-8266.

9TH 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 9th 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 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. **The Juneteenth Award program will be held June 11, 2016 at the CADL - Downtown**

NOTE: *All entries become the property of the Lansing Juneteenth Committee and will not be returned. Juneteenth reserves the right to publish all essays.*

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