



2024 MRS. VIVIAN RIDDLE - LANSING JUNETEENTH ESSAY COMPETITION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CONTEST DATES: February 25TH through April 13TH, 2024

Juneteenth PREPARING THE ESSAY WORKSHOPS

Competition Dates: February 25 – April 13, 2024

March 6, 2024:

Workshop #1

Video Release at 5:00pm

Topics:

Rules & Guidelines

African American History – 400 Years before Juneteenth

Juneteenth History

Answering Juneteenth Essay Question's

March 20, 2024: Workshop #2

Video Release at 5:00pm

Topics:

Writing the Essay

Answering Juneteenth Essay Questions

Scholarship Information

April 3, 2024: Workshop #3

Virtual Zoom Meeting at 6:00pm

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86835050104?pwd=bkZsY2RCNW5xRVpJZzJMMTF4VWN4Zz09>

Zoom ID - 868 3505 0104 PW -191747

Topics:

Bring your Questions

Meet with the Juneteenth Committee

Check website for the Juneteenth Videos under Essay Tab

ESSAY CATEGORIES & AWARDS

***CATEGORY I,II, III:
Grades 6th to 10th**

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)

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?

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.
 - Submitted on Word or as PDF document only.
- 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 13th, 2024 will not be eligible and will not be returned.**
- Essay submissions can be submitted to the Juneteenth website (www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org) from February 25th – April 13th, 2024. . Please check website for drop off locations for hard copies.
- The Juneteenth Essay Award program will be held on **June 13th, 2024 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.

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 ten (10) days of submission if no e-mail verification from Juneteenth is received.