

Howard County Commission for Women WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST – 2010

THEME

The theme for the 2010 Women's History Month celebration is "Writing Women Back Into History." In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the National Women's History Project, this year's theme encompasses all of the specific fields which have been highlighted over the years, including science, arts, sports, and politics. Essays should describe either a contemporary or historical American woman who has made a difference in any field selected by the writer.

RULES

- All Howard County Maryland students in grades 6 through 12 (public, private and home-schooled) are eligible.
- Only an individual student writer may submit an essay.
- Essays must be written in paragraph format, be 500 words in length, double spaced, and 12 point font.
- Submissions must include the following information:
 - name and grade
 - home phone number and address
 - e-mail address
 - school's name and complete address
- Essays may be submitted
 - via e-mail to women@howardcountymd.gov (use subject line: WHOF Essay Contest), or
 - by mail to: WHOF Essay Contest, Howard County Commission for Women, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr, Ste 300, Columbia, MD 21046
- Essays submitted via e-mail must be in MS Word and sent as an attachment.
- All entries are the property of the Howard County Commission for Women.
- The decision of the judges and the Commission for Women is final.
- Essays received via e-mail will be confirmed by e-mail.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING ESSAY

- Theme must be clearly addressed.
- Responses must include information based on research as well as personal experience and/or opinion.
- Content must include relevant, authentic information and ideas must be fully developed.
- Content must demonstrate critical and creative thinking.
- Proper grammar, spelling and punctuation must be consistent with accepted usage.

DEADLINE

Essays must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

AWARDS

U.S. Savings Bonds (\$200) will be awarded to the first place winners in each grade category (6-8 and 9-12).

Winners will be invited to read their essay at the Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Thursday, March 11, 2010, 7:30 PM at Howard Community College.