NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

“Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories”

Information regarding the contest is attached.

Essays are DUE
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 4:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the
Lassen County Board of Education
and
Lassen County Office of Education
Patricia Gunderson, Lassen County Superintendent of Schools
MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrators and Teachers

FROM: James Hall, Director
Student, Family, and Community Engagement

DATE: January 3, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 National Women’s History Month Essay Contest

To commemorate Women’s History Month, which will be observed in March, Lassen County Superintendent of Schools Patricia Gunderson, and the Lassen County Board of Education, are again sponsoring an essay contest. This year’s theme is “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.”

This year’s theme presents the opportunity to weave women’s stories – individually and collectively – into the essential fabric of our nation’s history.

We are enclosing a copy of the rules for our local essay contest and information about the structure of any essay to use with your class. Through this contest, we aim to provide students with an opportunity to utilize writing skills and increase awareness of the roles of women in history. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Entries must be turned in to the Lassen County Office of Education by February 28, 2023. If you have questions about the contest, please contact James Hall at 530-251-8711 or by email at jdhall@lcoe.org.

Attachments

cc: Patricia Gunderson, County Superintendent of Schools
TOPIC: “Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories”

AWARDS: Two Age Groups: 5th – 8th and 9th -12th
1st Place - $50.00 gift card
2nd Place - $25.00 gift card
3rd Place - $15.00 gift card

DEADLINE: February 28, 2023, by 4:30 p.m. to the Lassen County Office of Education

GRADES: All Students in 5th -12th grades

LENGTH: 1,000 words or less.

FORMAT: 1. All entries must be essays
2. Typed or handwritten in black ink (no colors)
3. No italics or fancy script
4. Double spaced on one side of the paper
5. No pictures or illustrations
6. No cover or binder
7. Do not write your name on any of the sheets of your essay

All entries will become the property of the Lassen County Office of Education and will not be returned. For further information, please call James Hall at 530-251-8711.

(Please staple this half of page to your essay)

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Women’s History Month Essay Contest

• COMPLETE THIS ENTRY FORM AND STAPLE IT TO YOUR ESSAY.
• DO NOT INCLUDE ANY OTHER COVER.
• DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON ANY OF THE SHEETS OF YOUR ESSAY.
• ESSAYS CANNOT BE RETURNED. I certify that this is my own work. No part of my essay is copied.

NAME: ___________________________ SIGNATURE:__________________________________
SCHOOL:____________________________________________________________________
ESSAY TITLE:_____________________________________________________
GRADE: _____________________ TEACHER: ____________________________

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LASSEN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Women’s History Month Essay Contest
WHAT IS AN ESSAY?

An essay is a short, nonfictional composition that presents the writer's opinion or analysis of a particular subject. Formal essays are impersonal, informative, and usually written in the third person. They often discuss such subjects as fear, truth, wealth, love, and friendship.

A formal essay is carefully organized to contain the following properties:

1. Thesis sentence.

2. Introductory paragraph of 3-5 sentences telling some general things about the topics.

3. Body - consisting of one paragraph on each reason or fact is given in the introduction and giving examples or evidence to support each reason or fact.

4. Concluding paragraph consisting of 3-5 sentences summarizing conclusions about the topic.
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<th>FOUR POINT SCALE FOR GRADING ESSAYS</th>
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<td>4. A paper that demonstrates qualities of excellence in the following areas: adherence to the topic and form, organization, insight, use of language, and mechanics.</td>
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<td>3. A paper that demonstrates adequate handling of the topic in the areas of content, organization, structure, and mechanics. The style and language tend toward the less imaginative.</td>
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<td>2. A paper that demonstrates weakness in the areas of content and organization. Some knowledge of spelling, punctuation, and word usage is present, though the paper may still be marked by frequent errors.</td>
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<td>1. A paper that demonstrates poor organization, lack of content, inability to handle the sentence structures, lack of understanding of mechanics, and limited use of vocabulary.</td>
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