

Orange County Black History Parade Founder



The Helen M. Shipp Scholarship Award

PURPOSE: The Helen M. Shipp Scholarship Award is an essay contest designed to provide a incentive for students to write a creative analysis or interpretation on a specific topic. This will increase understanding and helps the learning process, to clarify and sort out ideas and information, to analyze source material and to exercise critical judgement.

ELIGIBILITY: The essay contest is open to all students enrolled in an Orange County Public or Private School from the first through twelfth grades.

2022 TOPIC: “Our Heritage: Reflecting, Advancing, Uniting”

Choose one-person or subject: from Black History other than Dr. Martin L. King, Jr to write about. For example: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Sarah Breedlove (known as Madame C. J. Walker), Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Jr., Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, or Harriet Tubman just to name a few. Embrace our rich Heritage while keeping the topic theme.

DEADLINE: December 20, 2021, for all essays **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

SUBMIT ESSAY TO: Orange County Heritage Council
Attn: ESSAY
P.O. BOX 29037
Santa Ana, CA 92799

JUDGES: An Appointed Committee - The judges will evaluate each essay based on the rubric scale 1,2,3,4,5 with “1” being the lowest and “5” being the highest: 5=Excellent; 4=Above Average; 3= Average; 2=Fair; and 1=Poor. Each essay will be assigned a number before being submitted to the judging committee along with the grade level. Judges will not know who wrote the essay.

AWARDS: The **First Place Winner** for each grade level will be as follow: Grades 1-3 will each receive a first-place ribbon or medallion and a certificate. Winners in grades 4-6 will each receive \$25. Grades 7-8 winners each receives \$50. The 9th grade winner will receive \$75. Winners in grades 10-11 each will receive \$100. The winner in grade 12 will receive \$200. **EACH ENTRY WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE. Monetary Awards are contingent upon availability of funds.**

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Guideline and Structure for an Essay

Standard Essay - Consist of an Introduction, Body, and Conclusion

INTRODUCTION

The introduction should be setup to attract the reader's attention and present the essay's focus point. It tells the reader what the paper is about. An example would be to ask a question or make a quote, just to grab the attention of the reader. Have originality.

BODY PARAGRAPHS

Each of the paragraphs will have the same basic structure. Explain your topic, describe or prove your point. Keep your essay interesting. Be sure the ideas flow easily from one paragraph to the next. In addition to paragraphing, the other good mechanics are grammar, spelling, and punctuation. If you have three or four main ideas, you will have three or four body paragraphs to write about in the essay. Underneath each point, elaborate. This may include further description, explanation or discussion of the main idea. There should be knowledge of topic, coherence and logical order.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion as related to the thesis statement should consist of three or four strong convincing sentences. Clearly review the main points, being careful not to restate them exactly, but rather briefly describe your opinion about the topic. Give a sense of personal style and "voice" (convey personal meaning or intention).

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- All essays should be done on lined or plain paper, 8 1/2" x 11" in size
- Essay first page should include the title in all capital letters and all other pages numbered.
- Students are responsible for writing or typing essay.
Grades 1-6th - Essay may be handwritten.
Grades 7-12th - Essay should be typed and double space lines.
- Essay must stay within the topic.
- Parents may assist with format and suggestions, but the student is responsible to formulate with their ideas. A suggestion for grade 1st - 3rd only present a picture drawing for students to write their essay or about themselves descriptively from a topic.

WORDS ASSIGNED FOR GRADE LEVEL

50 - 100 words	Grade 1st – 3rd
200 - 250 words	Grade 4th – 6th
300 - 350 words	Grade 7th – 8th
400 - 450 words	Grade 9th
500 - 600 words	Grade 10th – 12th

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Black History Essay Contest Application

Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Topic: _____

ALL ESSAYS WILL BE ASSIGNED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER BEFORE GIVEN TO THE JUDGES SO THEY DO NOT KNOW WHO WROTE IT. THEREFORE DO NOT WRITE OR TYPE YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. FILL OUT THIS PAGE AND ATTACH WITH ESSAY AND SUBMIT BY DEADLINE TO:

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Santa Ana, CA 92799

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Date Received: _____ Essay # _____

Initials: _____