DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

TOPEKA ALUMNAE CHAPTER PRESENTS...

Wilberta Williams Black History Essay Contest

Who: Students in grades 3-12

When: Parade of Stars Virtual Event will be February 20, 2022, 2:00-4:00 PM

Essays must be received no later than February 4 2022, and a cash prize will be given to nine winners

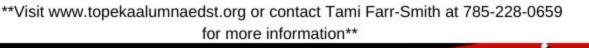
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Objectives: . To improve library and research skills

- · To increase overall awareness of the contributions African Americans have made to this country
- To improve writing and communication skills
- To increase confidence in education skills

To access Essay Packet, scan QR code or visit website below











44th ANNUAL WILBERTA WILLIAMS BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>: Students in grades 3 through 12 in the Shawnee, Douglas, and surrounding counties

<u>GUIDELINES</u>: See page 2. Each student should review the guidelines thoroughly.

The judges will use these guidelines to determine the winners. The essay is to be the product of the student, but an adult should review the essay to make sure that all of the guidelines are followed.

DEADLINE: All entries must be received no later than February 4, 2022.

MAIL TO: Delta sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Topeka Alumnae Chapter, P.O. Box 4917 Topeka, KS 66604

<u>SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY: tacessaycontest@gmail.com</u> or using electronic form (<u>https://forms.gle/eaKR5kWq33eAAnE6A</u>)

SELECTION OF WINNERS: First, second, and third place winners will be selected from the three categories below. The essays will be judged by three professionals from Shawnee, Douglas, or surrounding counties. The judges will not know the identities of the essay writers as they read, evaluate, and determine the three best essays in each group.

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS: The winners will be notified by **February 14, 2022**. All winners are expected to attend the **"Parade of Stars" Virtual Event** on Zoom on **Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 2:00pm.**

ALL WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO READ THEIR ESSAY AND CLAIM THEIR PRIZE. PLEASE KEEP A PAPER COPY OF YOUR ESSAY TO READ AT THE EVENT.

ESSAYS WILL NOT BE RETURNED. The sorority has the right to use the essays for publicity or other nonprofit purposes.

PRIZES: Group I (grades 3-5)	1st \$50	2nd \$35	3rd \$20
Group II (grades 6-8)	\$75	\$55	\$35
Group III (grades 9-12)	\$100	\$75	\$50

For more information, you may send an email to <u>tacessaycontest@gmail.com</u> or you may contact:

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43RD ANNUAL WILBERTA WILLIAMS BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

GUIDELINES

CRITERIA FOR WRITING ESSAY:

- 1. Use the cover sheet at the beginning of your paper.
- **2. Subject:** African American individual, group or general topic. (An African American is a person born in America of African heritage.) A few suggestions are listed below. You may choose one of these or select your own.
- **3. Originality:** The essay must be written in your own words. Please appropriately cite your sources.
- 4. Factual: Report only the facts you learn; do not make up any information.
- 5. Clarity: Use correct grammar and punctuation
- **6.** Legibility: Grades 3-5 may submit neatly written essays in ink. Please print on one side of the paper. All other grades must submit type written essays.
- 7. Write a paragraph explaining why you chose the individual or subject at the beginning or end of your paper.
- 8. Use more than one source. List all sources of information at the end of the paper.
- 9. Minimum words: Group I (grades 3-5) 200 words, Group II (grades 6-8) 300 words, and Group III (grades 9-12) 400 words.

<u>SUGGESTED TOPICS</u>: A person or a general topic or category. These are only suggestions. Students are encouraged to select a topic of their choice.

Maya Angelou	Frederick Douglas	Emmett Till
Mary McLoed Bethune	Dr. Charles Drew	Mamie Williams
Langston Hughes	Marian Wright Edelman	Dr. Keith Black
George Washington Carver	Sheldon Johnson	Simone Biles
Shirley Chrisholm	Donna Richardson	Alex Haley
Ruby Dee	Lena Horne	Oprah Winfrey
Ida B. Wells	Thurgood Marshall	Barack Obama
Bessie Coleman	James Meredith	Michelle Obama
Olivia Hooker	Gabby Douglas	Medgar Evers
Dorothy Height	Neil Degrasse Tyson	Rosa Parks
Kamala Harris	Stacey Abrams	Arthur Ashe

- African American contributions to medicine, health, and science
- Religion in the African American community
- African Americans from Kansas (General Frank Peterson, Dr. John Slaughter, Mrs. Gwedndolyn Brooks, Mr. Gordon Parks, etc.)
- African Americans in the arts (artists, musicians, actors/actresses, authors, poets)
- African Americans in sports
- African Americans in politics
- African Americans in education

44th ANNUAL WILBERTA WILLIAMS BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

Virtual Submission: Please use the following link to access the virtual essay form to complete the application online.

• 44th Annual Wilberta Williams Black History Essay Form Link: https://forms.gle/PpHeN1y9f7QFxb5p9

By Mail Submission: To submit via mail, download and print page two of this document and complete the following action items.

COVER SHEET

Please complete this form and submit with your essay.

Documents should be received by February 4, 2022.

You may submit your essay electronically by emailing it to <u>tacessaycontest@gmail.com</u> or using electronic form (<u>https://forms.gle/eaKR5kWq33eAAnE6A</u>) or by mailing to:

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TITLE OF ESSAY
NAME
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME
ADDRESS
TELEPHONE NUMBER
EMAIL
SCHOOL AND GRADE
TEACHER'S NAME
ORGANIZATION'S NAME

CONTACT PREFERENCE

- □ MAIL
- □ EMAIL
- □ TELEPHONE

Please be sure to include essay along with cover letter for a complete application