

44th
Annual

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

- 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

Visit www.topekaalumnaedst.org or contact Tami Farr-Smith at 785-228-0659 for more information





44th ANNUAL WILBERTA WILLIAMS BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

GENERAL INFORMATION

PARTICIPANTS: Students in grades 3 through 12 in the Shawnee, Douglas, and surrounding counties

GUIDELINES: 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

SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY: tacessaycontest@gmail.com or using electronic form (<https://forms.gle/eaKR5kWq33eAAAnE6A>)

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:	1st	2nd	3rd
Group I (grades 3-5)	\$50	\$35	\$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 taccessaycontest@gmail.com 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.

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

Maya Angelou
Mary McLeod Bethune
Langston Hughes
George Washington Carver
Shirley Chisholm
Ruby Dee
Ida B. Wells
Bessie Coleman
Olivia Hooker
Dorothy Height
Kamala Harris

Frederick Douglas
Dr. Charles Drew
Marian Wright Edelman
Sheldon Johnson
Donna Richardson
Lena Horne
Thurgood Marshall
James Meredith
Gabby Douglas
Neil Degrasse Tyson
Stacey Abrams

Emmett Till
Mamie Williams
Dr. Keith Black
Simone Biles
Alex Haley
Oprah Winfrey
Barack Obama
Michelle Obama
Medgar Evers
Rosa Parks
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. Gwendolyn 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

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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 taccessaycontest@gmail.com or using electronic form (<https://forms.gle/eaKR5kWq33eAAAnE6A>) 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*****