

BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

THREE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: \$1,500, \$1,000 AND \$750

CONTEST RULES: Open to all graduating, minority high school seniors in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Essays should be typewritten in 12 pt. Times New Roman font and be 500 words or less. Please title your essay. Essays will be evaluated based on CONTENT (depth of thought, adherence to topic) and WRITING (grammar, spelling, clarity). Please include a cover sheet with your name, school name, phone number and email address as well as a separate sheet with a one paragraph biography and headshot.

TOPICS:

Option 1: Black History Month. Is it still necessary? Relevant? Has America leveled the playing field to the point that this observance is no longer necessary?

Option 2: Today's social issues (gang violence, gun control, sexual harassment, racial profiling, etc.) are moral issues, not civil rights issues. Select one of these issues (or another relevant, current social issue) and discuss its root causes and possible solutions.

DEADLINE: Essays must be *received* no later than **February 12th, 2022**. Submit via email at A.JeanBattiescholarship@gmail.com or regular mail at A. Jean Battie Fund, PO Box 1594 Sarasota, FL. 34230.

AWARDS: Three essays will be chosen and awarded Scholarship prizes of:
1st place: \$1,500 2nd place: \$1,000 3rd place: \$750

Participants must be available to present their essay orally at the annual A. Jean Battie Scholarship Banquet to be held at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens on February 26th.

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