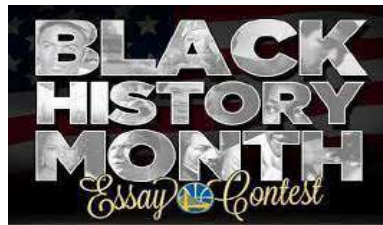




MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST



MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, INC is hosting a Black History Month Essay contest. **Monday February 28, 2022/11:59 P.M.** is the last day required documents and essays will be accepted. The contest is open to high school students (9th-12th) who attend public, private, or charter school in the United States of America.

Contestants must write an essay using the prompt provided regarding “Black Wall Street.”

Tulsa’s Black Wall Street was the wealthiest black region in the United States in the early 1900s. “Black Wall Street” was self-sufficient and many of the residents were business owners, entrepreneurs, and belonged to the upper and middle classes.

Using the following prompt: **If “Black Wall Street” existed today how would it impact African Americans?**

PRIZES * GUIDELINES * RULES * DISQUALIFIERS * ENTRY FORM

PRIZES

First Place: \$300.00

Second Place: \$175.00

Third Place: \$150.00

Prize checks will be sent via first class mail. Essay contest winners will be notified via email or telephonically.

ESSAY and ENTRY GUIDELINES

Unreliable sources, such as but not limited to blogs, personal websites, Wiki Sites, movies, and historical novels are not permitted as cited material for this essay.

Essays must be **(700-850 words)**. Citations must be included in the paper and in the bibliography/works cited. Sources must be cited using standard MLA or APA format. All website citations must include a URL. No more than three sources are recommended for the essay contest. The attached rubric will be used to score the essay.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Proof of current grade- Student ID Card and progress report. The document(s) will be used to verify the students name, current grade, and school. Entries that do not provide this information will not be considered for the contest.

- Submit essay, entry form and proof of grade to BHEssaymoldenouryouth@gmail.com
- Students must enter their name in the top right-hand corner on the essay
- The attached rubric will be used to score the essay
- The first **500** entries received will be accepted for the contest

RULES

- Essay must be typed and submitted as a Microsoft Word document/double-spaced/size 12 font Times New Roman
- Essays must be typed in the English language

DISQUALIFIERS

Disqualification may include, but not limited to the following:

- Failure to comply with the essay requirements
- Incomplete student entry form
- Does not meet the minimum or exceeds word requirement
- Plagiarism
- Multiple entries per student
- Submission is not in the correct format

➤ ****All decisions of disqualification will be final****

**Email for additional information contact@moldenouryouth.com



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Participants must submit a release statement (**signed by their parent/guardian**) allowing the grantor, MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, INC to publish the participants essays and videos in print publications and on public websites. In addition, winners will be asked to provide photographs and videos and authorize the use of photographs and videos of themselves in contest-related promotional materials, which may include photographs taken at recognition events.

STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Student Name _____ Age _____
Phone Area Code (____) _____ E-mail _____
Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
School _____ Grade _____
Student Signature _____ Date _____

*** * * * * PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN RELEASE STATEMENT * * * * ***

As parent or legal guardian of _____, I affirm that my child has written the essay submitted for the “MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE BLACK HISTORY Essay Contest. I agree to allow the essay to be distributed publicly and broadcast on radio, TV, and social media. I also give permission to MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, INC to photograph, post pictures on our website, publish in newspaper articles, magazines and videotape my child and/or myself for the purposes of publicizing events and/or programs associated with this essay contest.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print/Signature) _____ Date _____

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OPT-OUT OF PHOTO SUBMISSION (Requires parent/guardian signature)
COMPLETE THE SIGNATURE LINE BELOW ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO PROVIDE A PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD FOR THIS ESSAY COMPETITION.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print/Signature) _____ Date _____

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CRITERIA	EXCELLENT 4	GOOD 3	FAIR 2	POOR 1
Focus/ Main Point	The essay is focused, purposeful, and reflects clear insight and ideas	The essay is focused on the topic and includes relevant ideas	The essay is focused on topic and includes few loosely related ideas	The essay poorly addresses topic and includes irrelevant ideas
Support	Persuasively supports main point with well-developed reasons and/or examples	Supports main point with developed reasons and/or examples	Supports main point with some underdeveloped reasons and/or examples	Provides little or no support for the main point
Organization & Format (Paragraphs, Transitions)	Effectively organizes ideas to build a logical, coherent argument	Organizes ideas to build an argument	Some organization of ideas to build an argument	Little or no organization of ideas to build an argument
Language Use, Style & Conventions (Sentence structure, word choice, grammar, spelling, punctuation)	Effective and creative use of elements of style to enhance meaning! Uses correct grammar, spelling, punctuation throughout with very few errors	Appropriate use of elements of style Uses correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation with few errors	Some use of elements of style Contains frequent errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation	Little or no use of elements of style Many errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation, makes reader's comprehension difficult
Originality (Expression of the theme in a creative way)	Distinctive experimentation with language and usage to enhance concepts! Applies higher order thinking and creative skills to relay complex ideas	Sufficient experimentation with language and usage to enhance concepts! ! Applies basic creative skills to relay ideas	Very little experimentation to enhance concepts! ! Does not exhibit creativity	No experimentation nor enhancement of concepts! ! No adherence to the prompt