

women in history

26th annual essay contest

In honor of Women's History Month, commemorated in March, the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County presents this essay contest for 7th and 8th grade Adams County students. This contest is generously sponsored by the *Gettysburg Times*.

guidelines

About Your Essay Topic

- Select a woman, past or present, who has made an impact on history and who serves as a role model for you.
- The woman you choose may have influenced the national or global community. Or, her impact on history may be focused within a local community (family, church, town, etc.).
- Research your essay subject using books, magazines, recordings, personal sources or the Internet. At least one of your resources should be a non-Internet source. If non-Internet sources are unavailable for your subject, please note this in your list of works cited or bibliography.

In Your Essay

- Answer the following questions:
 - What did this woman accomplish that inspires you?
 - How does this woman serve as a role model for you?
 - How does her life relate to your life now or to your goals for the future?

Requirements

- Provide your name, address and other information as requested on the cover sheet form.
- To ensure impartial judging, your name should **not** appear in the essay.

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- Essays must be no less than 350 words and no greater than 500 words.
- Essays may be typed or hand-written.
- Return an original and three copies of your essay. Copies are not required for essays submitted by e-mail.
- Include a bibliography or list of works cited with your essay. Use a format for works cited or bibliographies recommended by your teacher.
- **Incomplete entries, including those submitted without a bibliography or list of works cited, will be disqualified.**
- Essays must be received at the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County by Monday, February 6, 2012. You may mail or hand-deliver essays to the YWCA, or e-mail essays to aahayes@ywcagettsburg.org.

Awards

- Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each grade at a ceremony held at the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County in March.

First Place \$100 savings bond, a two-week trial membership to the YWCA plus a book on the subject of women in history awarded to each first-place winner's school library.

Second Place \$75 savings bond and a two-week trial membership to the YWCA.

Third Place \$50 savings bond and a two-week trial membership to the YWCA.

Every contestant will receive a YWCA guest pass for one free visit to the YWCA.

Teachers win too! The teacher of each first-place winner will receive a free half-hour massage at the YWCA!

Judging Point System

- Personal Reflection - 40 points
- Historical Accuracy/Use of Facts - 30 points
- Organization of Essay - 15 points
- Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling, Neatness - 15 points
- Essays containing plagiarized text will be disqualified.

Questions?

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