



I am Black History: PIONEER Essay Contest

MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, INC is pleased to announce their Annual “I Am Black History” Pioneer Essay Contest. The last day documents and the essay will be accepted is **Friday February 28, 2025/11:59 P.M.** The contest is open to high school student’s grades, 9th-12th grade in the United States of America.

Highlighting the Contributions of **Lewis Howard Latimer**: Students are invited to participate in an essay contest focusing on Lewis Howard Latimer, an African American Pioneer who played a crucial role in American History. **The essay should focus on his contributions to science and engineering, detailing his key inventions, such as the carbon filament for the incandescent light bulb and his work on the telephone. Explain how these inventions impact our lives daily and contributed to technological advancements. Describe how his determination and commitment to education helped him overcome these obstacles particularly regarding racial discrimination and the challenges faced by African Americans during his time.**

Submit entries and questions to PioneeressayMOYFABF@gmail.com.

1. Entries must be received no later than February 28, 2025/11:59 P.M.
2. Entries must be a word document using 12-point or Arial or Times New Roman font, double spaced.
3. Each essay must contain 750-1,000 words.
4. Complete entries consist of the following:
 - a. **Essay**-Student’s name should be in the top right corner of the first page
 - b. **Identification**- Proof of current grade/ a copy of student’s ID or progress report.
 - c. **Student Entry Form** signed by student and parent
5. Essays must be the original work of the student. Plagiarism will not be tolerated, to include essays from Artificial Intelligence essay submissions.
6. An automatic reply will state if the maximum number of essays (**75**) has been reached.
7. Cash prizes: **First Place: \$500.00 Second Place: \$300.00 Third Place: \$200.00**
8. Prize checks will be sent via first class mail. Essay contest winners will be notified via email, text message or telephonically.

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9. Essays will be scored on the criteria listed below:
- a. **Content**-Thoroughly addresses the prompt with clear and relevant information. - Presents well-researched, accurate facts and examples. - Demonstrates deep understanding of the topic
 - b. **Organization**- Essay is very well-organized; has a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. Ideas flow logically, with effective use of transitions
 - c. **Style**- Engaging and appropriate tone for the audience. Varied sentence structure and vocabulary. Demonstrates creativity in presentation
 - d. **Mechanics** - Virtually no grammatical, punctuation, or spelling errors. Proper formatting and citations.
10. For more information [2025 Essay Contest – moldenouryouth.com](https://moldenouryouth.com)



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STUDENT ENTRY FORM

Contestants must submit a release statement (**signed by their parent/legal guardian**) allowing the grantor, MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, INC to publish their 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 Name _____ Age _____ Phone Area Code (____) _____
E-mail _____ 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 _____
Parent/Guardian Name (Print/Signature) _____ Date _____

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) _____ Date _____
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