



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



MOLD-EN OUR YOUTH FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, INC is hosting their annual Black History Month 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 **Significance of the March on Washington “A Turning Point in Civil Rights”** Students are invited to participate in an essay contest focusing on the March on Washington. **Essay entries must be compelling and discuss the key outcomes of the march including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Discuss how the March served to unite people of different races, backgrounds and social classes in pursuit of a common goal.**

Submit entries and questions to BHEssaymoldenouryouth@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 entry 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/ PARENT CONSENT 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 _____ Alternate Email _____ 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) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name 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 _____

Parent/ Guardian Name (Signature) _____ Date _____

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