



AAUW of Oklahoma Teen Voices Essay Contest

As we mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, the American Association of University Women of Oklahoma (AAUW/OK) invites Oklahoma teenage girls to enter an essay contest honoring American women who led the fight for women's rights.

Who can enter the contest?

All girls living in Oklahoma who are currently enrolled in grades 9 through 12

What are the contest deadlines?

The contest is open from February 15 through May 15, 2020.

What is the required topic of the essay?

Research, identify and analyze the leadership skills of a courageous American woman or group of women who has led the fight for women's rights.

What are the rules for my entry?

All entries must be the original work that focus on analyzing the leadership skills of a well-known woman (women) in U.S. history. A simple biography will not meet contest requirements.

You must use at least 3 sources for your research. Sources should be cited in the body of your essay. A bibliography must be included.

Your essay must be between 500 and 1000 words in length.

You must obtain the consent of your parent or legal guardian to participate.

AAUW/OK reserves the right to print and display essays and photographs of contest winners. Keep a copy of your submission. Manuscripts will not be returned.

How should I format my entry?

Do not put your name on your essay. That information should be on your completed entry form.

Your essay must be typed using standard 8 ½ by 11” paper. Your essay must be double spaced using 12-point black font with 1” margins. Arial, Calibri, or Times font should be used.

You must include the title and page number in the upper right-hand corner of every page.

You must staple your completed entry form to the front of your essay.

How are entries judged?

All entries are judged on the basis of content, originality and quality of expression as well as adherence to the topic and contest rules. All entries are anonymous when submitted to judges.

When will winners be announced?

Winners will be notified in June by telephone using the information submitted on the entry form.

What awards will be given?

AAUW/OK will award \$250.00 for first prize, \$125.00 for second place and \$75.00 for third place. An award ceremony will be at the AAUW/OK State Convention in Weatherford, Oklahoma on July 11, 2020.

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Entry Form

Name of Entrant

First

Middle

Last

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Email Address of Parent or Legal Guardian

Telephone Number(s) of Parent or Legal Guardian

Name of the school you attend

Grade in which you are currently enrolled

Title of your entry

Mail Entries to:

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