

# NSDC NAACP

## Black History Essay Contest

### Overview

The Black History Essay Contest is intended to provide an opportunity for youth to express themselves in written form. Participants will be required to write an essay on one or two questions. Contestants will be given two hours to complete their essay. Prizes and certificates will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers.

The topics for each age group will be available prior to the contest. Contestants will be allowed to bring notes written on one (1) 3x5 card (back and front). Paper and pencils will be provided. Contestants are encouraged to print rather than write in cursive.

### Participant Categories

College

Grades 11-12

Grades 9-10

Grades 6-8

### Grading Criteria and Scoring

50% Content

25% Grammar and punctuation

25% Format (Introduction, Body, & Conclusion)

### Prizes

College	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$500	Grades 11-12	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$400
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$300		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$300
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$100		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$200
Grades 9-10	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$200	Grades 6-8	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100
		\$100		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$50
		\$50		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$25