



Women's History Month Program 2023

EVENT: Essay Contest open to all Dare County High School Seniors.

PRIZES:

1st place \$300.00 and 2nd place \$200.00.

Essay winners as determined by contest judges and payable to individual students provided winners and parents accept the award at a public presentation and agree to be photographed. Essays may be used in LWV publications.

CONTEST JUDGES:

Program Chair, plus three active LWV members with writing and or educational experience.

CONTEST THEME:

Please answer the question: "Why Should I Vote?"

The League of Women Voters was founded by leaders of the women's suffrage movement. For 103 years, it has been a nonpartisan organization that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy. Citizens vote for many reasons; we'd like to know yours.

CONTEST RULES: (Essays not meeting full submission rules will not be considered)

The Judges will not know the name of each applicant. This will be a blind contest.

1. Each applicant shall submit one original paper copy with cover page. The student's identification shall not be within the essay.
 - a. Cover page will include Title, Name, School and signature of student.
2. Essays shall be on standard 8.5 by 11-inch paper. It shall be three, full page, single spaced, and typed using Times New Roman font size 12.
3. Each applicant must be a full-time enrolled senior in the Dare County Public School system.
4. Essays will be submitted by mail to League of Women Voters of Dare County, PO Box 689, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949. The student's signature shall be written across the seal of the envelope.
5. Contest opens March 1, 2023 and ends March 31, 2023 (Essays must be postmarked by March 31)

ESSAY CRITERIA:

Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- 1) Persuasiveness
- 2) Originality
- 3) Factuality and depth of research
- 4) Adherence to the contest theme
- 5) Clarity and Organization
- 6) Editorial excellence: composition, grammar, presentation, spelling, vocabulary, and age appropriateness
- 7) Bibliography. All data, direct quotes, statistics, etc. must be cited