Win $50

Winners Announced: March 23, 2014

Participate in the 2014 Black Marriage Day Essay Contest and you could win $50.00. Tell us what you think and how marriage is builds a strong foundation for your community. Share your ideas, your thoughts, your interpretation, and your beliefs about love, marriage and family in 250 words or less. Be a voice for your generation. What couples do you admire? What do you think a great relationship looks like? What makes a family work? Why is marriage important in your community?

Your ideas can be part of the Indiana Black Marriage Day Celebration on March 23th, 2014. You must be present to win!

Youth Essay Contest!!!

Contact Phone: 317-927-9558

Entries Due No Later Than: March 8, 2013

Contact person: Dr. Ruth Lambert

Complete Entry Form
Review the topics
Write an essay 250 words or less
Submit your entry to our email or address
Confirm receipt of entry
Think Win—Win!!!

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Attn: Essay Contest

Each student must complete the entry form (or a photocopy) and submit it with two (2) copies of an original essay (250 words or more.) The winning essay will focus on a topic selected from the choices provided. The student shares his or her opinion, experience or personal feelings. Essays will be judged in three categories **grades 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12.**

2013 Black Marriage Day Essay Contest Rules

ESSAY TOPICS

Your essay should cover one of the topics listed below:

Why is a two-parent home important to our youth?
Describe how/why having both parents present in the home affect and influence the children in the home.

What you think a great marriage looks like?
Describe how you think marriage is intended to be.

What African– American married couples do you admire and why?
Identify an African– American couple that you think are good examples of what a marital relationship should look like and tell why you chose them.

What makes a family healthy (or work)?
Describe your thoughts of what a family consists of, how a healthy family looks and functions and what makes you feel they are functional.

What a well-functioning blended family looks like?
As two or more families/family members are joined in one household, what needs to be done to make it a smooth transition. Describe how a blended family that functions well looks.

Entries will be judged primarily on content; however grammar will be a factor considered.

CATEGORIES

6-8 graders **9-10 graders** **11-12 graders**.

One WINNER will be selected from each category. Prizes will be distributed at the Black Marriage Day Celebration, March 23, 2014. **Winners must be present to win.**

Deadlines & Entry Requirements

All entries must be received no later than Monday, March 7, 2014, 5:00pm. They may be submitted via mail to 3737 N. Meridian St, Ste. 204, Indianapolis, IN 46208 Attn: Essay Contest, by email to: **indybmd@gmail.com** include on subject line: Essay Contest- Entry ID*. You should receive confirmation from IHMFC that your essay has been received. If you do not receive the confirmation, you should contact IHMFC to verify that your essay was received. It is the responsibility of the contestant to secure the confirmation no later than the deadline for entry, March 7, 2014. *(Entry ID is explained on entry form)

All entries must be hand written or typed by a student who fits into one of the categories listed. The entries must be developed and written by the contestant. Entries with more than 250 words will not be considered for prize. All entries must be received by the deadline indicated and an entry form must accompany each submission. Each contestant must acquire confirmation of receipt of their submission.. It is the responsibility of the contestant to ensure correct contact information is given.

2013 Black Marriage Day Essay Contest

Entry Form

Student's Name

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Entry ID # _____
Initials and last 4-digits of phone number to be used on the essay submission instead of your name (e.g. James Ford 555-8976– **JF8976**)

Male _____ Female _____

Parents'/ Guardians' Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Alter. Phone

No._____

Email address _____

School _____

Grade_____ Age _____

How did you hear about the essay contest? (name of organization, church, etc.)

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Topic

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Checklist: ____ Essay is Max. 250 WORDS ____ ENTRY FORM COMPLETE/CORRECT

____ Entry ID # USED INSTEAD OF NAME ON THE ESSAY

____ 2 COPIES SENT BY FAX / MAIL/EMAIL

Date entry submitted _____