

Eastman Black History Oratorical Contest

Purpose

Eastman's Black History Month Oratorical Contest provides local high school students with an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of African American contributors to the academic disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). It also provides the students with an opportunity to improve their writing, communication, public speaking and leadership skills.

Contest Requirements and submission deadlines

Applicants must submit an original written essay, discussing an acknowledged African American STEAM contributor **no later than Monday, January 3, 2022 at 11:59pm** at the form located on the website responsibility.eastman.com/education. The essay content will be graded on a 20-point scale based on the 4 criteria defined below:

Written Essay Format guidelines

- Title page to include name, essay title, school, supporting teacher, grade level
- Essay body: 3-5 pages, 1-inch margins, Times Roman 12-font size and double spaced
- **Note: Any personal identifiable information placed within the body of the essay will disqualify the student from placing in this contest.**

Documented Sources: (2 Points maximum)

- 0 Points for not having any sources
- 1 Point for 1-2 quality sources
- 2 Points for 2 or more quality sources
- Plagiarism of any kind is grounds for automatic disqualification

Grammar (3 Points Maximum)

- Correct spelling and grammar throughout the paper

Uniqueness (5 Points Maximum)

- The uniqueness of the chosen person and/or the uniqueness of their contribution to their field.
- Uncommon knowledge to the general public

Evidencing Claim (10 Points Maximum)

- A detailed explanation of how the chosen STEAM contributor influenced their respective industry

Contest Prizes

Students selected as authors of the top 5 essays will be invited to the Annual Eastman Black History Month Virtual Event held on **Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00pm**.

The 1st place student will receive a \$1,500 cash prize; 2nd place \$1,000; 3rd place \$750; 4th place \$500 and 5th place \$250.

The academic sponsor of the 1st place student will receive a \$100 gift card for his/her classroom.

Eligibility

Eligible participants are high school students in the Northeast Tennessee or Southwest Virginia region as of **August 1, 2021**.

Essay Notification Information:

Students selected as authors of the top 15 essays will be notified no later than **February 1, 2022**.

Students ranking in the top 5 will present a 3 - 5 minute, memorized oration based on the submitted written essay. The oration will be graded on (1) diction, (2) tone, (3) pronunciation and (4) creativity.

The top 5 ranking students will present their orations at the Eastman Black History Community Virtual Event on **February 21, 2022 at 6:00pm. This Virtual Event will be live streamed to the community.**

Please submit original written essays at responsibility.eastman.com/education.

Have questions? Please contact us at education@eastman.com.

(no submissions will be accepted at this email address – submissions must be submitted at responsibility.eastman.com/education)

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