



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

RGA BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

“We honor the legacy by telling their stories.”

Black History Month represents an annual opportunity to honor generations of African Americans whose sacrifices, innovation, and perseverance helped shape our nation. The Russell Grove Association, in partnership with Amelia County Public Schools, is proud to sponsor the 2026 Black History Essay Contest. This project encourages students to explore the legacy of African American heroes whose work and contributions continue to impact our communities today.

Contest Theme: “Standing on Their Shoulders – Black History Heroes”

Who Can Participate:

Amelia County Students (Grades 4–5, Middle & High School and students nominated by Russell Grove Association members.

Submission Deadline: February 13, 2026

Essay Guidelines:

Students will select an African American Hero from the approved list provided (see contest Instructions on website) and write an essay that includes their contributions to society and the economy, the challenges they faced, and the lasting impact of their achievements. Participating teachers will provide detailed information to participating students.

Cash Prizes will be awarded to students with winning essays at the elementary, middle and high school. Elementary - secondary prizes:

- 1st Prize: \$75 – \$100
- 2nd Prize: \$50 – \$75
- 3rd Prize: \$25 – \$50

Sponsor: Russell Grove Association (RGA)

RGA was organized in 1984 with the mission to preserve, share, and celebrate the educational legacy of African Americans of Amelia County while supporting local youth and families.

More Information:

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