

Essay Contest Instructions

In celebration of Black History Month, the Russell Grove Association (RGA) is proud to sponsor a student Essay/Video contest to recognize significant contributions of African Americans. The contest is open to all Amelia County Middle and High School students, and students of the RGA affiliates. The theme of the contest is “Celebrating African American Inventors and Pioneers”. All entries must be submitted by **February 18, 2022**.

Prizes will be awarded in two categories: Written essay entries and video presentation entries. Prizes will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from middle and high school entries, and RGA Affiliates. Winning essay and video entries will be posted on the RGA website and submitted to the Amelia Bulletin Monitor. Prizes are:

1 st Place	\$100.00
2 nd Place	\$75.00
3 rd Place	\$50.00

Contest Rules

1. Essay submission must focus on the theme “Celebrating African American Inventors and Pioneers” with a minimum of 250 words for middle school students and 350 for high school students (double spaced). The essay should include a brief bio of the person selected and a description of their contribution. Also include your opinion of how their accomplishment made an impact on American society and the life we currently have.
2. Students may also submit a narrated slide presentation (using Screencastify or other apps maybe used). The narrated slides must include a minimum of 6 slides with narration. Slides should include brief bio of person selected and a description of their contribution. Also include your opinion on how their accomplishment made an impact on American society and the life we currently have.
3. Essay and narrated slides must be original work of the student and may not include third party writings.
4. Submit entries to jacksonp@ameliaschools.com. Attach entry form located on the RGA website. Submissions must be submitted by February 18, 2021 and late submissions will not be judged.
5. For additional information, visit RGA website at russellgrovenews.com or contact Dr. Ernestine Scott, RGA Education Committee chair at escott9221@gmail.com