


Florida Black History Month

"African-American Art—A Look at Our Past; A Glimpse into Our Future"

Governor Charlie Crist's Black History Month Essay Contest OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Grades 4 & 5

Governor Charlie Crist's Black History Month Essay Contest is open to all grade 4-5 students in the state of Florida. One winner will be selected for a Prepaid College Scholarship. Winners will be notified by **February 20, 2010.**

- Entries must be mailed to Executive Office of the Governor: Black History Month Committee, 400 S. Monroe Street, Suite LL10, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 **and postmarked by Friday, January 22, 2010.**
 - **Essays should address the following topic:** "In Ernie Barnes' painting, "Beach Runner," the subject of the painting is running untiringly down a beach and seems to have a goal in mind. In the same way, African-Americans have tirelessly strived for equality and freedom throughout the years. While using Mr. Barnes' painting as your inspiration, think of a present day African-American role model in your community or in Florida. This person could be a teacher, an athlete, an elected official, or a mentor. Write to describe how this person has contributed to your community or to you personally."
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- Each student may enter only one essay.
 - Essays should be no longer than 500 words in length, and should be typed or hand written in print only. No cursive writing will be accepted.
 - A completed parental/ legal guardian waiver form must accompany each essay. The waiver can be obtained by logging onto the Governor's Black History Month Web site at www.floridablackhistory.com.
 - Essays submitted must include contestant's name, home address, telephone number, school the student attends, grade level and title of the essay.
 - The winner will receive a four-year full tuition scholarship to any Florida state college or university of their choice, provided by Florida Prepaid College Foundation. The winner must be legal Florida residents to meet all scholarship requirements.
 - The winner will be awarded their scholarship at the Governor's Black History Month celebration to be held in Tallahassee in February 2010. Reasonable travel and lodging expenses will be paid for the winners and two immediate family members.

Contact the Governor's Office at (850) 410-0501 with any further questions.

For more information, visit www.FloridaBlackHistory.com.

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PARENTAL / LEGAL GUARDIAN WAIVER

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Student Name:

Grade Level:

Name of School:

Home Mailing Address:

Home Telephone Number:

Work Telephone Number:

Cell Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Release Statement:

As parent/legal guardian, I acknowledge that my child has written the attached essay, and has followed all the guidelines and regulations stated above. Should he or she win the essay contest, I agree to allow the essay to be distributed publicly. I also understand that if it is discovered my child plagiarized or that the thoughts expressed are not his or her own, the essay will be subject to disqualification.

Signature, parent/legal guardian name and contact phone number:

Signature

Name (print)

Telephone Number