

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
("FDMHA")
2022 ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

After 200 hundred years, Mr. Douglass words still have meaning and impact in current social justice and political arenas. Mr. Douglass is one of the most important figures in the abolitionist movement and a highly respected 19th century statesman. His rise from slavery to becoming a counselor and friend to President Abraham Lincoln continues to inspire generations. Our essay contest is designed to inspire you to help us keep the legacy of Frederick Douglass relevant and thriving.

The winner of the competitive annual contest is awarded a \$4,000 prize. A second-place winner receives \$3,000 and a third-place winner receives \$2,000.

What to Write

What do you think Frederick Douglass would say about today's political climate?

Please be specific in your response. Consider: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; COVID-19, Climate Change, Faith, Social Justice, and anything else you want to include.

The essay must offer evidence of Frederick Douglass' life and how his work as an abolitionist can inspire public servants in 2022.

The contestant must submit a writing that demonstrates research on the life and contributions of Mr. Douglass. The document must have at least five facts of Mr. Douglass' life and references to at least two of his speeches or writings within the essay.

Who is Eligible?

- Senior high school students attending public schools in the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, or the Commonwealth of Virginia; within a 50-mile radius of the District of Columbia.
- Students must be enrolled in college in the fall semester of 2021 or the spring semester of 2022.

Requirements

- Entries due by 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2022.
- Do not include name or other personal information on essay.
- Essays can be no more than 1000 words but must be a minimum of 750 words. Citations and bibliography are not included in the word count.
- Essays must be the original work of the contestant.
- Essays must have a minimum of one source that is **NOT Wikipedia, magazines, newspapers, or blogs.**
- Essays must include endnotes, footnotes, or a bibliography (not included in word count).

Essay Submission

- **Submit entries through email with registration form.** The essay must show a sent date by no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 19, 2022. The essay and registration form must be kept separate. Email to EssayFDMHA@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE OF ESSAY REVIEW

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| February 19, 2022 – April ,19 2022 | Essay Development and Submission |
| April 20, 2022 – May 20, 2022 | Essay Review |
| May 21, 2022 – May 31, 2022 | Awards Announced |
| July 15, 2022 (Tentative) | Recipients' Reception |
| August 2022 | Checks mailed to school |