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County Clerk Launches Student Essay Contest in Recognition of 19th Amendment Centennial


FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is inviting Monmouth County middle school students to enter the 19th Amendment Centennial Essay Contest, sponsored by the Monmouth County Clerk's Office.

2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote. To commemorate this historic milestone, the Monmouth County Clerk's Office has launched an essay contest for seventh and eighth grade students!

“Since my office oversees a large part of the elections process for Monmouth County, I am very excited to announce this new essay contest to commemorate this historic milestone which granted women the right to vote,” said Clerk Hanlon. “As we approach 2020, I am hoping that

**19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL
ESSAY CONTEST
FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADERS!**

*Presented by
Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon*




To commemorate the 100th anniversary of women being granted the right to vote, seventh and eighth grade students are invited to submit an essay highlighting an activist who had a connection to Monmouth County or New Jersey, and to explain the importance of his or her role to the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

**1st PLACE: \$150 Gift Card
2nd PLACE: \$100 Gift Card
3rd PLACE: \$75 Gift Card**

Winners will be honored by Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon at the County Clerk's Archives & History Day on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the Monmouth County Library HQ in Manalapan.

The contest is open through Monday, October 7, 2019. For full contest rules and eligibility, please visit MonmouthCountyClerk.com.



this contest will inspire our middle school students to learn more about the men and women who contributed to such a major turning point in our country's history.”

The First, Second, and Third Place winners will receive a gift card prize and will be honored by Clerk Hanlon at an awards ceremony during the County Clerk's 24th Annual Archives and History Day on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan. This year's event theme is “New Jersey in Focus: Four Centuries of Monmouth County Women” and will feature panel discussions, lectures, and a history forum regarding the topic of the women's suffrage movement.

The essay contest is open to seventh and eighth grade students who reside in Monmouth County and/or attend a high school in Monmouth County.

Aside from the top three winners receiving a gift card prize and being honored at the County Clerk's Archives and History Day, their winning essays will also be showcased on the Monmouth County Clerk's Office website and through Clerk Hanlon's year-long recognition program of the 19th Amendment Centennial.

Entries will be accepted from Sept. 16 until the deadline of Oct. 7. Entries will be accepted via email to CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us and mail to the Monmouth County Clerk's Office, Attn: 2019 Student Essay Contest, Monmouth County Clerk, 33 Mechanic Street, Freehold, NJ 07728.

For full contest rules and eligibility and to download a contest flyer, please visit the Monmouth County Clerk's Office website at www.MonmouthCountyClerk.com.

For questions about the contest, please contact the Monmouth County Clerk's Office by emailing CountyClerk@co.monmouth.nj.us or calling 732-431-7324, ext. 8735.

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