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### **County Clerk Hanlon Hosts Student Video Contest to Commemorate Centennial of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**

FREEHOLD, NJ – Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is inviting all Monmouth County high school students to enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Elections and Voting Video Contest, sponsored by the Monmouth County Clerk's Office.

Next year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. In commemoration of this historic milestone, this year's contest asks students to reflect on what having the right to vote means to them, while encouraging their peers to vote.

The Monmouth County Clerk's Elections Division has responsibility over sample ballots, vote by mail applications, candidate petitions, tabulation of totals, and the certification of results.

**High School Elections and Voting Video Contest**  
*Commemorating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment*

**PRIZES:**  
FIRST PLACE: \$150 GIFT CARD  
SECOND PLACE: \$100 GIFT CARD  
THIRD PLACE: \$75 GIFT CARD

Supporters of Susan's suffrage on the beach in Liberty Park in 1919

- Create one video reflecting on what having the right to vote means to you, while encouraging your peers to vote
- Can work in groups of one to three students
- Top three winning videos will be used in the Monmouth County Clerk's Office voter outreach campaign
- The contest deadline is the day before Election Day, Monday, November 4, 2019 at noon
- For rules and eligibility, please visit [MonmouthCountyClerk.com](http://MonmouthCountyClerk.com) or email [ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us).

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**Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq.**

County Clerk Hanlon is working to increase voter participation among the youth through her high school ‘Your Vote Matters’ program, which stresses the importance of civic responsibility. She is continuing to build on that program by sponsoring the County Clerk’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Elections and Voting Video contest for high school students, leading up to Election Day.

“We are very excited to announce this year’s high school student video contest, which we hope will engage young people in the voting process,” said Clerk Hanlon. “As we approach Election Day, it is the perfect time to remind young people that the right to vote is a right to be cherished and exercised regularly.”

The contest is open to high school students who reside in Monmouth County and/or attend a high school in Monmouth County. Students are allowed to form groups, of no more than three (3) members, and each group should enter an original video that highlights the importance of voting rights. Entrants are permitted to be creative with the usage of digital and/or traditional special effects. Videos with political or offensive content will not be considered.

The top three (3) videos will be awarded gift card prizes by Clerk Hanlon and will be advertised via the County Clerk’s social media platforms and ‘Your Vote Matters’ program. Videos will remain the property of the County Clerk’s Office.

Entries will be accepted from October 18, 2019 until the deadline at noon EST on Monday, November 4, 2019, which is the day before Election Day. Entries will be accepted via email to [ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us) with the subject “2019 High School Video Contest.” Entrants must upload their video to YouTube and then email the direct link to the video to the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office.

Entries can also be mailed to the Monmouth County Clerk's Office, Attn: Voting Video Contest, Monmouth County Clerk, 33 Mechanic Street, Freehold, NJ 07728 with the video file enclosed on a flash drive or CD.

For full contest rules and eligibility, please visit the Monmouth County Clerk's Office website at [MonmouthCountyClerk.com](http://MonmouthCountyClerk.com), email [ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us](mailto:ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us), or call 732-431-7324, ext. 8735.

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