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**Annual High School
Elections and Voting Video Contest 2020**

*Commemorating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment
and the 150th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment*

Background

The Monmouth County Clerk's Office is proud to host its Annual Elections and Voting Video Contest for High School students!

Voting is a fundamental right in America and young people should have a voice in our elections. This contest is designed to encourage young people to be engaged in the election process and learn the importance of voting rights.

The United States of America is celebrating two monumental occasions; the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote and the 150th Anniversary of the 15th Amendment which granted African American men the right to vote. To commemorate these milestones, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon is inviting high school students to create a one (1) to three (3) minute video that reflects on what having the right to vote means to them, while encouraging their peers to vote.

The top three (3) winning videos will be used in the Monmouth County Clerk's Office voter outreach campaign and the winning students will be awarded the following prizes, which will be split amongst the group members:

Prizes

First Place - \$200 Gift Card

Second Place - \$150 Gift Card

Third Place - \$100 Gift Card

Eligibility and Rules

1. The contest is open to all high school students who reside in Monmouth County and/or attend a high school located in Monmouth County.

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- Entrants are permitted to work in groups of one (1) to three (3) student(s) to create one (1) original video that is one (1) to three (3) minutes long and that reflects on what having the right to vote means to them, while encouraging their peers to vote. Entrants are permitted to be creative with usage of digital and/or traditional special effects. By submitting, the entrants agree that they are the sole copyright owners of the video and its content and footage.
- Entries will be accepted starting Monday, September 21, 2020 until the deadline of noon EST on Friday, October 30, 2020.
- Video entries must be uploaded to YouTube.com and may be uploaded under the setting of an “unlisted” or “private” video.

Submissions must be emailed to ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us with the subject “2020 High School Video Contest.” Within the email, please provide the direct link to the YouTube video. Do not attach the video file to the email.

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

All entries must include the following information for each group member:

Name:

Grade:

High School:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

If applicable, please include your teacher’s name and email address.

- Each entry will be judged based on historical accuracy, originality, and creativity.
- By submitting an entry, the entrant(s) (in case of minors, the minor’s parent/legal guardians) grant the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office the rights to use and publish the video and the name, grade, teacher, and high school of the entrant(s) in print, electronically, and/or digitally. Authorization is also granted to the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office to publish the same in public presentations and web content, which may include the Monmouth County Clerk’s email platform, websites, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Flickr, and YouTube pages. The First, Second, and Third Place winning videos will be retained by the Monmouth County Clerk’s Office and used for the Clerk’s voter outreach campaign.
- Videos that contain a political message or any message specific to a candidate or idea, or that contains any offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate content or language will not be considered. Also, videos that contain historically inaccurate or copyrighted content

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will not be considered. Any video that does not abide by these contest rules will automatically be disqualified.

For questions regarding the 2020 Elections and Voting Video Contest for Monmouth County High School Students, please contact the Monmouth County Clerk's Office by emailing ClerkContest@co.monmouth.nj.us or calling 732-431-7324, ext. 8735.