

March 2019: *National Women's History Month*

Essay Contest

VISIONARY WOMEN: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence

This year's theme aims to celebrate and honor women who led efforts to end war, violence, injustice, and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society. For generations, women have embraced the fact that the means determine the ends and so developed nonviolent methods to ensure just and peaceful results. This year's essay contest honors women who have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools, and communities. They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice, and reduce the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good.

All current Long Beach City College students are invited to submit, with the chance of winning:

1st Place: \$100

2nd Place: \$50

3rd Place: \$25

Winning essays will be published in
a LBCC Women's History Month chapbook!

How to submit:

- All submissions are electronic and must be sent via the following link: <http://www.creativewritinglbcc.org/personal-writing-history-contest.html>
- Deadline for submissions is 12:00 p.m. Friday April 5, 2019
- See submission guidelines and contest rules on back of flyer



ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- For ideas or inspiration, please refer to the National Women's History Project website: <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/>
- Open to current LBCC students
- Only one entry per student.
- All essays must include an original title. DO NOT title your essay with "Women's History Month Essay" or any similar vague variation.
- A Works Cited page must be included.
- Essay entries must be MLA formatted, double spaced, and drafted in 12 point Times New Roman font.
- The maximum length of each essay submission is 750 words, not including the Works Cited page.

HOW WILL THE ESSAYS BE JUDGED?

- Adherence to topic
- Appropriateness of subject
- Creative approach
- Effectiveness of Organization
- Clarity of writing and explanation
- Use of detail and descriptive language
- Standard use of grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- Judges will be scoring the essays using a rubric scale based on the judging criteria listed above.
- Judges' decisions are final. If no manuscript meets award criteria in a given year, no award will be granted that year.
- Winners will be determined based on participants earning the top three scores.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Winning essayists will be invited to read their essays aloud at the awards reception. Winning essays will be published in a chapbook, in addition to cash prizes.

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