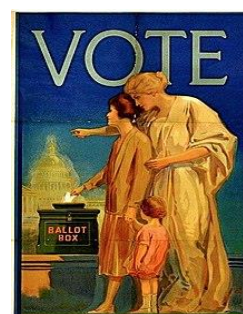




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19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL ESSAY CONTEST “RULES AND ELIGIBILITY” FOR SOUTH PLAINFIELD 7TH & 8TH GRADERS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Background:

2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote. To commemorate this historic milestone, the South Plainfield Borough Clerk's Office is launching an essay contest for all South Plainfield High School Students.

The First, Second, and Third Place winners for the 7th & 8th grade category as well as the high school grades 9th through 12th category will receive a prize and be honored by Borough Clerk Amy Antonides, Council President Christine Faustini and Councilwoman Melanie Mott on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Plainfield Borough Hall.

The winning essays will also be showcased on the South Plainfield Borough's website and hung at Borough Hall in recognition of the 19th Amendment Centennial.

Topic & Prompt:	<p>In the summer of 1848 at the Seneca Falls Convention, Elizabeth Cady Stanton read the “Declaration of Sentiments” which is widely seen as the launch of the Women’s Suffrage Movement on the national stage. The 72-year-long battle for women’s voting rights evoked radical change and ultimately led to the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920. During the nearly century-long movement, many male and female activists rose to prominence by raising public awareness and lobbying the government to grant women the right to vote.</p> <p>Prompt: In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, highlight an activist who had a connection to New Jersey and explain the importance of his or her role to the ratification of the 19th Amendment.</p>								
Participants:	The contest is open to all seventh and eighth grade students as well as high school students grades ninth through twelfth who reside in South Plainfield, New Jersey.								
Length:	Only one (1) entry per student is permitted. The essay should be 400 to 600 words (excluding the cover page and works cited/bibliography) and must be typed using Times New Roman font at size 12, be doubled spaced and include page numbers.								
Form:	<p>Entrants must include a cover page for their essay which includes the following information:</p> <p>Title of Essay: Name: Grade: School: Home Address: Parent/Guardian Name: Parent/Guardian Phone Number: Parent/Guardian Email Address:</p> <p><i>*Please do not put your name or any other personal identifiers outside the scope of the cover page.</i></p>								
Bibliography/Citations	<p>The submitted essay must include a bibliography, works cited, or reference page for all references used. If internet sources are used, students must include the electronic address, or a link used to access the electronic source.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to use credible sources. Wikipedia is not a credible source.</p> <p>By submitting, the entrants agree that they are the sole copyright owner and writer of the original essay. Essays that are plagiarized or copy and pasted directly from a source, as well as essays without a bibliography, works cited, or reference page will be automatically disqualified.</p>								
Prizes, Judging & Awards	<p>The winners of this contest will receive the following prizes:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>7th & 8th Graders</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Grades 9th through 12th</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Place: \$150 Gift Card</td> <td>First Place: \$150 Gift Card</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second Place: \$100 Gift Card</td> <td>Second Place: \$100 Gift Card</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Third Place: \$ 75 Gift Card</td> <td>Third Place: \$ 75 Gift Card</td> </tr> </table> <p>Each entry will be judged based on historical accuracy, remaining on topic, originality, organization, spelling, grammar, punctuation and works cited.</p>	<u>7th & 8th Graders</u>	<u>Grades 9th through 12th</u>	First Place: \$150 Gift Card	First Place: \$150 Gift Card	Second Place: \$100 Gift Card	Second Place: \$100 Gift Card	Third Place: \$ 75 Gift Card	Third Place: \$ 75 Gift Card
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	<p>The winners of the 19th Amendment Centennial Essay Contest will be honored by the Borough of South Plainfield Borough Clerk Amy Antonides, Council President Christine Faustini and Councilwoman Melanie Mott at the South Plainfield Borough Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Borough Hall located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.</p>
<p>Deadline & Submission:</p>	<p>Entries will be accepted starting Monday, April 6, 2020 until the deadline of Monday, June 1, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. ONLY a mailed hard copy will be accepted. DO NOT email any entry.</p> <p>A hard copy of the submission must be mailed to the following:</p> <p><i>Borough of South Plainfield “Essay Contest” Attn: Amy Antonides, Borough Clerk 2480 Plainfield Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080</i></p> <p>By submitting an entry, the entrant (and the minor entrant’s parent/legal guardians) grant the Borough Clerk’s Office the rights to use and publish the essay and name of student, grade, and school, as well as any photographs from the award ceremony, in print, electronically, and/or digitally. Authorization is also granted to the Borough Clerk’s Office to publish the same in public presentations and web content, which may include the Borough of South Plainfield’s email platform, websites, Facebook, Twitter, and any other social media platform. The First, Second and Third Place winning essays will be retained by the Borough Clerk’s Office to publish on our website and to be displayed at Borough Hall.</p>
<p>Conclusion:</p>	<p>For questions regarding the 19th Amendment Centennial Essay Contest for South Plainfield students, please contact the Borough Clerk’s Office by emailing aantonides@southplainfieldnj.com or calling 908-226-7606.</p>

