

Tennessee State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2019-2020 Essay Contest

35th Annual Essay Contest:
High School/Middle School

Deadline: January 10, 2020

Purpose:

To encourage, to recognize, and to reward Tennessee middle school and high school students who demonstrate outstanding writing skills.

Eligibility:

All Tennessee middle school and high school students, public and private, (grades 6 – 12) are eligible.

Guidelines for Submitting Essays:

If a school is only sponsored by one DKG chapter, the school official may submit up to four entries. When multiple chapters are represented in a school, the school may submit up to four entries per sponsoring chapter. There should be no duplication of entries. A student may only submit ONE essay to one chapter.

In the case that a chapter is sending essays from more than one school, each school's essays should be sent in separate emails. In the subject line indicate your chapter name and the name of the school.

Topic:

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. The passage marked the largest expansion of democracy in the history of our country.

"I think, with never-ending gratitude, that the young women of today do not and can never know at what price their right to free speech and to speak at all in public has been earned."

– Lucy Stone

Comment on the quote using the issue of women's suffrage to provide context and provide a discussion of its impact and/or relevance to individuals today. For relevant contextual information, the TN Suffrage Heritage Trail website can be used.

<https://tnwomensuffrageheritagetrail.com/>.

Format:

The informational/explanatory essay must be 450 – 600 words in length. It must be typed, double-spaced, and converted to a pdf, including the cover page. See the last page for the format for the cover page. Please use size 12 Arial font for ease of reading.

The title of the essay is the **ONLY** information that should appear on the actual essay pages in a header with page numbers as needed. **Not following this protocol will result in the entrant being disqualified.**

Scoring:

Essays will be scored using the attached rubric. If you have any questions, please email Tammy Jones at TammyJones@TLJConsultingGroup.com

Prizes: one set each for middle school & high school contest

First Prize \$250 – winner will be invited to attend the awards luncheon at the Tennessee State Convention

Second Prize \$125

Third Prize \$75

Deadlines and how to enter:

- The student will **email** his/her essay to one school official (teacher, guidance counselor, instructional coach, etc.) so they have them **before January 10, 2020**.
- The school official will email the essays to the contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter by **January 10, 2020**.
- The contact person of the sponsoring DKG chapter will attach all of the essays from the high school in one email and all the essays from the middle school in another email and send it to xistate.essay@gmail.com by **January 17, 2020**.

Confirmation:

The contact person from the sponsoring DKG chapter will receive an email confirmation once the entries are received.

Disclaimer:

All submissions become the property of the Tennessee State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Winning submissions, as the property of Xi State, may be published in the official publication of Tennessee State, *Tennessee State News*, on the Tennessee State website www.xistate.org or by other electronic means. Additionally, winning submissions may be displayed at Tennessee State events and used in Tennessee State presentations.

Cover Sheet Format/Information for Essay Entry

Must be typed

Essay Title

Student's Name

Student's Address

Student's Phone Number

Student's Email Address

Student's School (name and address)

Student's School Official

Name of the sponsoring DKG chapter

**Name and Email Address of the contact person of the sponsoring
DKG Chapter**

Name and Address of the Local Newspaper