

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# Essay Contest

## 2022 Black History Month Essay Contest

The Indiana Department of Child Services is proud to announce our 2022 Black History Month Essay Contest, open to elementary, middle and high school students throughout Indiana. The theme for this year's essay is **“Celebrate, Motivate, Inspire.”** Essays should be between 250 and 500 words and should describe an African American in history, your life or your community who has made a positive impact and how they have personally inspired you.

The goal is to celebrate the contributions of African Americans in history and those who have made a difference in Indiana and our communities.

Entries are due Feb. 12, 2022. Winners from three categories – elementary, middle and high school – will be announced at our Black History Month event from 12 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at Flanner House's Ujamaa Community Bookstore, located at 2424 Martin Luther King Drive in Indianapolis.

### Details:

- Essays should be between 250 and 500 words.
- Three divisions – elementary, middle and high school.
- One grand prize winner from each division.

### All documents should include:

- Student's first name.
- School name.
- Current grade.
- Guardian's name.
- Guardian's email.

To submit an essay, please fill out [this form](#) and email both form and essay to [gretchen.grier@dcs.in.gov](mailto:gretchen.grier@dcs.in.gov).

