

# ESSAY CONTEST

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Center for Women's Studies at Seton Hall University, in celebration of Women's History Month, is sponsoring its 29<sup>th</sup> annual essay contest, which is open to all high school students in New Jersey.

The author of the winning essay will receive a \$100 prize and a certificate, and the authors of two honorable mention essays will each receive a \$50 prize and a certificate.

## **Topic:**

Students are asked to write about a female role model, someone who has inspired and influenced them. This can be either someone they know or a contemporary, historical, or literary figure. The more creative the topic, the better!

## **Format Requirements:**

- All essays must be typed, double-spaced, and between 500 and 750 words in length.
- The first page should include:
  - \* Student's name and email address
  - \* Title of essay
  - \* High school information (name, address, telephone number)
  - \* Name, telephone number, and email of the school official to be contacted

Each essay will be evaluated for originality, execution, and adherence to the topic and format requirements. All submitters will receive an email by the end of March 2025, once the prize recipients have been selected and notified.

## **Deadline:**

**Essays must be received as a Word document in email no later than Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 (11:59pm).**

The subject line should read "Women's Studies High School Essay Contest."

## **Send all submissions to:**

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