



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Essay Contest!!!

During March 2022, Jacksonville State University will be conducting an essay contest among **High school students (current 9th-12th graders, for the purpose of this competition)** to celebrate Women's History Month. Winning entries will receive a monetary prize and possible inclusion in a local publication.

Students should write a grammatically correct 750 to 850-words essay in answer to the following prompt:

Think of a woman who dared to be different. What kind of struggles she faced? What did she accomplish? How does she empower and inspire other people?

("to be different" can be defined against all kinds of "normativity" – personal, social, cultural, psychological, physical, professional, political, gender, religious, linguistic, ethnic etc.)

The five (5) paragraph essay method is a suggested style format; however, it is NOT required for contest consideration. Entries will be judged by a panel of JSU faculty and personnel of the Women's History Month Committee using an evaluation rubric.

Every essay should be accompanied by the attached information and consent form. Essays can be submitted electronically to WHM.EssayContest@jsu.edu. If you send your submission by email, it is due by **March 1, 2022, at 5 pm**. If you prefer to mail your submission, you may do so to:

ATTN: Karlie Johnson
Houston Cole Library
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, AL 36265

All mailed entries must be postmarked by **February 25, 2022**, for consideration in the contest. This contest is open to **ALL students who reside in Calhoun County including homeschooled students and students of any gender.**