

2018 YLSS Essay Rules

The Young Ladies Success Essay Contest is designed to encourage young ladies to demonstrate their creative writing skills. A group of judges will choose the winning essays and monetary prizes will be awarded at the end of the summit in accordance with the Official Rules listed below.

2018 Young Ladies Success Essay Topic

Margot Lee Shetterly's book, *Hidden Figures* and the corresponding movie, demonstrate that women with particular traits can rise above their past circumstances to succeed in spite of social, cultural, or economic barriers. In your essay, describe two of your character traits or strengths and how you are developing them to show your leadership skills.

OFFICIAL RULES

1. **BINDING AGREEMENT:** Your submission to the Young Ladies Success Summit Essay Contest constitutes an agreement to the Official Rules.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to enter the Contest, an Entrant must: (1) be enrolled in a private or public middle or high school or homeschool; (2) list parent's or legal guardian's name on the essay and (3) register and attend the entire conference.
3. **SPONSORS:** The Contest is sponsored by Mvita Consulting Group, LLC and private donors.
4. **HOW TO ENTER:** Your essay must be typed and e-mailed as an attachment by **February 10, 2018 by 11:59pm** to ylsuccessseminar@gmail.com. No submissions will be received after that date. Your essay will be assigned a number and forwarded to the committee as a blind (no name or address) submission. Your essay must meet the following requirements as stated in Nos. 5 and 6.
5. **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:** Complete heading (see below):

Current Date

Your First and Last Name

Name of School and Grade

Parent's Name (or Guardian)

Parents Phone Number

Parent's e-mail address

6. ESSAY REQUIREMENTS Part II:

- No. of Words: 200-300 (**Essays over 300 words will be disqualified.**)
- Format: Use double spacing, 12 font, Times New Roman, 1" margins
- Assistance: Entrant may seek proofreading help, but all work must be original
- Avoid stating your name or school in the body of your essay

- No. of Submissions: Limit One (1) essay per person
- **Save as a word document (no PDF) like this: YLSS2018_Essay_YourName**

Note: Entries received without following the above criteria or without parents or legal guardian's information will be disqualified.

7. **JUDGING:** Each essay will be graded by Professors from Blinn College. The judges will be looking for the following elements: • Format of essay as listed above; does not exceed 300 words • Entrant has a nice introduction paragraph introducing herself • Entrant uses correct subject and verb agreement • Errors are minimal and Entrant clearly and effectively address the topic.

8. **PRIZES:** There will be three prizes for middle school and three prizes awarded for high school winners issued in the form of a check (first place, \$75; second place, \$50; and third place, \$25.) **To be eligible, you must register, attend the summit, and follow the requirements listed above.**

9. **PRIVACY:** Your essay will contain personal information. **This personal information will not be shared or published without your written consent.**

10. **PUBLICITY:** By entering into the essay contest, you agree to participate in any media or promotional activity for use by the Young Ladies Success Summit. Entrant agrees not to seek fees for the use of their name or essays. Essays will not be returned. Entrants will be notified in writing if their essay or parts of their essay will be used for promotional purposes.

11. **ELIMINATION:** Entrants' essay will be eliminated if plagiarized. It must be your original work. Any false information provided within the context of the Contest by Entrant concerning identity, mailing address, telephone number, email address, ownership of right or non-compliance with these rules or the like may result in the immediate elimination of the entrant from the Contest.

12. **RIGHT TO CANCEL, MODIFY OR DISQUALIFY.** If for any reason the Contest is not capable of running as planned, Young Ladies Success Summit reserves the right to cancel, terminate, or change the Contest. **QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATION:** Please e-mail Director at ylsuccessseminar@gmail.com.

Winners will be announced at the end of the Summit and must be present to win.

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