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2025 ROSA PARKS ESSAY COMPETITION
Saturday, November 29, 2025

Rosa Parks had a passion for educating young people. She directed the Youth Council of the Montgomery Branch of the NAACP and later established the Raymond and Rosa Parks Foundation with a focus on providing a positive and accessible forum for educating underserved youth in Detroit, Michigan.

Once again, the political climate is threatening Voting Rights of citizens in America through efforts that prevent free access to the "Ballot Box". Students should have access to resources that help them better understand the Voting process and its effects in today's political climate. The writing of this year's essay should be a well-thought-out paper regarding how The importance of Voting in today's society in America is relative to the influence of involvement of the Community.

THEME: "Voting is Essential: From the Pews to the Polls"

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Winners will be Awarded Prizes on Saturday November 29, 2025

RULES AND CRITERIA:

Organization & Structure - Provide an original composition essay written by the contestant and keeping within the theme. The essay should be organized and well-structured with correct grammar and spelling.

Voice/Originality - The author should write in their personal style and approach to the topic from his/her unique perspective.

Evidence of Personal Reflection - The essay should demonstrate that the author has genuinely explored the topic and how it relates to his or her own life.

Language - Essays should be written in English and represent the youth's original work. Youth are welcome to author essays in their native language (if not English), but it must be translated into English for submission.

Reference - Use at least one outside source; provide the judges with a copy of the composition that includes the references or resources used for your essay.



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Winners: A panel of impartial judges will award one Winner in each category.

Category of Winners:	Grades 3 rd - 5 th	\$350
	Grades 6 th - 8 th	\$750
	Grades 9 th - 12 th	\$1,500

Eligibility: The Competition is open to youth throughout Alabama for grades 3 through 12. Contestants must provide the judges with a copy of the typewritten composition, including material references. In addition to a written copy of the Essay, you may, as an option, submit a video of you delivering your Essay and permission to be shown to judges virtually. The following criteria will be used by the judges:

Length of Essay:	Grades 3 rd - 5 th	300 words
	Grades 6 th - 8 th	500 words
	Grades 9 th - 12 th	1,000+ words

WARNING!!

**Artificial Intelligence (AI) use or plagiarism results in
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**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR ESSAY FOR THE
IDENTIFICATION OF YOUR SUBMISSION! PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR
ESSAY WITH YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY ALONG WITH THE FORM.**

**Scan the QR Code to sign up and
submit your essay**



Or use the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Q1GhWkWkbhwy5D6V7>

Please return your submission by Saturday November
10, 2025 to aclemons910@gmail.com. For questions,
call Ann Clemons at 334-328-9181 or St. Paul AME
Church Office at -334 286-8577.



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**Alabama's Eighth Annual
Rosa Parks Day Celebration**

Mother of the Modern Civil Rights Movement

Rosa Parks Day in Alabama History

In 2018, the Alabama Legislature voted to designate Rosa Parks Day, December 1, which is the day she was arrested in 1955 for refusing to give up her seat on a segregated bus to a white passenger. Her action ignited the year-long Montgomery bus boycott and helped usher in the civil rights movement.

Theme: "Voting is Essential: From the Pews to the Polls"

Saturday, November 29, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm.

Rosa Parks Day Youth Leadership Brunch

Monday, December 1, 2025

5:30 pm

Rosa Parks Day Unity Walk

Commences from Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church to the Rosa Parks Museum

7:00 pm

Rosa Parks Day Public Convocation

Guest Speaker – LaTosha Brown American community organizer, political strategist, and consultant. She is the co-founder of the voting rights group Black Voters Matter.