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**2024 ROSA PARKS ESSAY COMPETITION**  
**Saturday, November 30, 2024**

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.

*Educators are pushing back against those who want to censor literature. Students should have access to resources that help them better understand the lives, cultures, and experiences of different people. The writing of this year's essay should be a well thought out paper regarding how you feel about books being banned and why are certain books becoming unavailable for the betterment of our society through the acceptance and knowledge of our cultural differences.*

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**THEME: "Book Banning and its effect on Freedom of Learning For Future Generations"**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 22, 2024**  
**Winners will be Awarded Prizes on November 30, 2024**

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**RULES AND CRITERIA:**

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

Category of Winners:	Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$350
	Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$750
	Grades 9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$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 that includes material reference. 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. You will be judged by the following criteria:

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



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***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 write 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.

**WARNING!!**

**THE USE OF AI OR PLAGARISM IS AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION!**

**PLEASE SUBMIT THE ATTACHED INFORMATION WITH YOUR ESSAY FOR**

**IDENTIFICATION OF YOUR SUBMISSION!**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY WITH YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING FORM:**



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Please return your submission by Sunday, November 22, 2024, to  
**aclemons910@gmail.com**. For questions call Ann Clemons  
334-328-9181 or Office -334 286-8577.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent or Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_



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**Alabama's Seventh 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: "United: Protecting Our Freedoms"**

**Saturday, November 30, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm.**

**Rosa Parks Day Youth Leadership Brunch**

"Training Ground For Tomorrow's Leaders"

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**3:30 pm**

**Rosa Parks Day Unity Walk**

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

**5:30 pm**

**Rosa Parks Day Public Convocation**

Mr. Anthony Ray Hinton, author of "The Sun Does Shine," New York Times Bestselling, exonerated death row survivor represented by Attorney Bryan Stevenson and featured in Stevenson's book and film version of "Just Mercy."