

2022 ROSA PARKS ESSAY COMPETITION

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, *former home church of Mrs. Rosa Parks*, will commemorate **Rosa Parks Day** Thursday, December 1, 2022.

Mrs. Parks' experience with discrimination on the bus was also felt during her many attempts to register to vote until she was successful after the third attempt. **The Voting Rights Act** inaugurated a new era of democracy in the United States. Nearly a century after the Fifteenth Amendment was ratified, Congress finally put teeth into its promise that no citizen could be denied the right to vote based on race. Section 4 was at the center of the success of the Voting Rights Act. The coverage formula determined which jurisdictions had to preclear changes to their election rules with the federal government before implementing them, based on their history of race-based voter discrimination. In 2013, however the Supreme Court struck down the coverage formula in a case called *Shelby County v. Holder*.

THEME: Voting Rights: The Consequences and Significance of the Shelby v. Holder Case

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 15, 2022, by MIDNIGHT; Winners will be Awarded Prizes on December 1, 2022

RULES AND CRITERIA:

Winners: A panel of impartial judges will award **ONE Winner** and a limited number of Honorable Mentions for each category.

Category of Winners:	Grades 3 through 5	\$ 350.00
	Grades 6 through 8	\$ 750.00
	Grades 9 through 12	\$1,500.00

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.

Organization & Structure—Provide an original composition essay prepared by the contestant and keeping with the theme. 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 reference. Suggested websites: <https://www.brennancenter.org> or other related sources.

WARNING: PLAGARISM IS AN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION!

Application for Rosa Parks Essay Competition - DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOVEMBER 15, 2022, by Midnight

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Email address _____

Age _____ Other Affiliation: (if any) _____

School and Address: _____

Please return your Essay to: E. Ann Clemons aclemon910@gmail.com AND Isaiah Perry isiahhpj2012@gmail.com

For questions call: 334-328-9181 or 334-419-6250. You may also call the Church Office at 334-286-8577.