

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundation (CLF) is very excited to announce that we are sponsoring our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Black History Month Essay Contest*. The contest allows students to research and learn about the significant contributions African Americans have made to humanity. The divisions are as follows:

- High School (HS)
- Middle School (MS)
- Upper Elem. 3 – 5 (UE)
- Lower Elem. K – 2 (LE) (Poster Contest)

This year students will select an **African American who has made a significant contribution to humanity and explain how this contribution has impacted their life.** (*Try to avoid writing about the “Big Five”:* *MLK JR, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Malcolm X, , Frederick Douglass. Instead, look for a lesser known but important contributor.*) The deadline for submission to Mr. Bevard is **Monday, Feb. 22nd, 2016.**

Winners will be selected within each grade level according to the following:

### High School Grades:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place to receive \$50 gift card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place to receive \$40 gift card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place to receive \$30 gift card

### Middle School Grades:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place to receive \$40 gift card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place to receive \$30 gift card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place to receive \$20 gift card

### Upper Elementary Grades:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place to receive \$30 gift card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place to receive \$20 gift card

### Lower Elementary Grades:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place to receive \$20 gift card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place to receive \$10 gift card

## **Submission Requirements**

**Essay (Grades 3-12):** *Select an African American who has made a significant contribution to humanity. Explain how this contribution has impacted your life.*

### **Contest Rules**

- \_\_\_\_\_ At least 250 words, but shall not exceed 1000 words
- \_\_\_\_\_ Typed and double-spaced
- \_\_\_\_\_ Font Options:
  - Times New Roman
  - Garamond
  - Ariel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Original work only
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cite Sources (MS and HS)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cite Resource used (Elementary)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted ***to Mr. Bevard: February 22, 2016***

### **Scoring Rubric**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Select an African American who made a significant contribution
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify the contribution to humanity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Explain the contribution
- \_\_\_\_\_ Describe how the contribution impacts your life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Well-organized; free from grammatical errors

**Poster (Grades K-2):** *Choose an African American who has made a significant contribution to humanity. Illustrate and bring a poster to life using creativity and originality.*

### **Scoring Rubric**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Poster should be 18x14 inches
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illustrate a significant African American
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illustrate the contribution
- \_\_\_\_\_ Colorful, creative original works
- \_\_\_\_\_ Poster should have a caption of at least three sentences, but no more than 10 to include Who? What? and How you feel about it?

## **Awards Reception**

Winners will be selected by CLF and the Awards Reception will occur March 10, 2016 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.