



# Black History Month

## Essay & Poster Contest



**Deadline for submissions: February 21, 2022**

**This Year's Theme is:**

**\*\*\* BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS \*\*\***

Recognition for the role/impact of an historic African American medical practitioners including; birth-women, doulas, midwives, naturalists, herbalists, therapists, psychologists, fitness instructors, surgeon, anesthesiologists, nurses, etc.

### Essay Requirements (*Grades 6-12*)

**At least 250 words, but shall not exceed 500 words**

- Typed and double spaced
- Original work only
- Be sure to properly cite your sources  
(<https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>)
- Due Monday, February 21, 2022

#### SCORING RUBRIC

##### **Comprehension. (20 points)**

How well does the essay reflect a thorough comprehension of the essay topic? Does the essay provide supportive evidence for the student's selection?

##### **Organization (20 points)**

Does the discussion/argument follow a logical and easily understood progression? Does any outside evidence contained in the essay support the essay's main points?

##### **Creativity (20 points)**

Use of diverse resources, language and/or style, unique angle

##### **Writing (20 points)**

Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure.

### Poster Requirements (*Elementary Only*)

- Posters **MUST** be 18 x 14 inches (4c x 35.5 centimeters)
- Illustrates & supports a significant African American (person must fit the category & the theme)
- Illustrates the contribution clearly and with artistic energy
- Is it colorful? Creative? Innovative? Different (Unique)? Finished?
- The poster should have a caption of at least three sentences, but no more than 10 to include who, what, and how the person contributed to shaping history in health and wellness.
- The poster should mention one **NEW** thing the student learned during this contest. (Example: Discovery about oneself in relationship to the theme, society, African Americans, African American culture, African American contributions, etc.)

CLF will have **three (3) winners** from each division who will receive a **\$50 gift card**. Student winners and their parents will be invited to an **awards reception** hosted by CLF. One honorary mention from each school/division will be asked to read their essay or present their poster submission.

**Refreshments will be served** and community leaders, special guests, fellow students, teachers, school officials, and board members will be in attendance (Covid-19 permitting)

SOURCE: CDC.GOV