



Literary Composition and Art Collage Contest

Theme: Seizing Educational Opportunities: Character and Courage

The Educational Sub-Committee of the 50th Anniversary Commission for Little Rock Central High has organized an exciting program for the student winners during their day in Little Rock on September 25, 2007. Activities include:

- Meeting distinguished public officials
- Visiting historical national monuments and museums, including the Clinton Library and the Emancipation Proclamation Exhibit
- Attending an awards banquet for all state finalists to receive recognition for their efforts, and the announcement of winners
- Participating by satellite in the events at Central High

The contest is open to all 12th grade students. Student artwork and essays must focus on the theme listed above.

LITERARY COMPOSITION

Essays must be no fewer than 250 words and no more than 400 words in length, and must be typewritten and double-spaced. Essays will be judged on both style and content using a four-point writing rubric. *Note: Only one entry per student will be allowed in each category.*

ART COLLAGE

Artwork must be two-dimensional - no masks, sculptures, etc. Also, artwork must be no larger than 32 inches by 32 inches within the following mediums:

Paintings - oil, watercolors, acrylics, etc.

Drawings

Collages

Prints - lithographs, silkscreen, monotypes, woodcuts, etc.

The artwork and essays will be placed on display at the Arkansas State Capitol and given to the Little Rock Nine Foundation.

FINALISTS

Each high school will select the superlative entrant for each category (Literary Composition & Art Collage). Each high school will have two (2) finalists. Each finalist from across the state will compete with other high school students for the grand prize. Winners and finalists will be notified via phone call and/or mail by September 20, 2007. Scholarships will be awarded for first, second, and third-place winners in each category. First-place winners will receive a \$1,500 scholarship; second-place winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship; and third-place winners will receive a \$500 scholarship. These contests will provide an opportunity for all Arkansas high school students to participate in the 50th anniversary celebration! All schools are encouraged to participate.

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