

# NCNW Essay & Oratorical Competition 2019



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## ABOUT THE COMPETITION

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The **National Council of Negro Women View Park Section** is sponsoring an Essay and Oratorical competition. Female college students in Southern California are invited to write an essay and compete for cash scholarships.

Competition winners will be invited to recite their essay on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at “The Purple Hat Affair” – High Tea.

## ABOUT THE NCNW:

The National Council of Negro Women is a coalition comprised of 200 community-based sections in 32 states and 38 national organizational affiliates that works to enlighten and inspire more than 3,000,000 women and men. Its mission is to lead, advocate for and empower women of African descent, their families and communities. NCNW was founded in 1935 by **Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune**, influential educator and activist. For more than fifty years, the iconic **Dr. Dorothy Height** was president of NCNW. Dr. Johnetta B. Cole was elected Chair of NCNW in 2018, ushering in a new era of progress and growth for the organization. Today, NC NW’s programs are grounded on a foundation of critical concerns known as “Four for the Future.” NCNW promotes education with a special focus on science, technology, engineering and math; encourages entrepreneurship, financial literacy and economic stability; educates women about good health and HIV/AIDS; promotes civic engagement and advocates for sound public policy consistent with traditional values.

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## ESSAY TOPIC:

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### How is the trailblazing work of Mary McLeod Bethune & Dr. Dorothy Height being manifested among women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

*Compose an oratorical essay answering the prompt, providing concrete details and concise commentary.*

#### WHO CAN APPLY:

Any young woman (aged 18-35) enrolled in a community college or university in Southern California, pursuing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in any area of study.

#### AWARDS

- The first place winner will receive a \$100.00 scholarship
- The second place winner \$75.00 scholarship
- The third place winner \$50.00 scholarship

#### DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES

**Saturday, April 6, 2019 until 11:59 p.m.**

E-mailed to: [fashionblyfit22@gmail.com](mailto:fashionblyfit22@gmail.com)

#### REQUIREMENTS

ESSAY 1,000 - 1,500 words.

Please include a cover sheet with the following:

Full Name  
E-mail address  
Mailing address  
Phone number  
Date of Birth  
Name of School  
Level (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior)  
Major or area of study

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#### QUALIFICATIONS

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1. Applicant must be a female student enrolled in an accredited junior college or university in Southern California on the date on which he or she submits a conforming essay, pursuing an undergraduate degree.
2. Each applicant may enter only once and may only provide one essay on the topic.
3. Essays submitted by mail, courier, fax, or any means other than the competition's e-mail address listed above, will not qualify and will not be considered.
4. Essays submitted by an applicant who does not meet the qualifications of the competition will not qualify and will not be considered for any award.
5. NCNW will collect personally identifiable information about applicants as part of the contest process. This information will be used to contact applicants in connection with the competition.
6. By submitting an essay, applicants are granting the NCNW permission to use their name and likeness in announcements, at events, on social media and in press releases related to the competition.

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## ESSAY RULES

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1. Essays must be 1,000 to 1,500 words. Footnotes, citations, endnotes, and essay titles **will not be** counted as part of the 1,000 – 1,500 words allotted to the applicant.
2. Applicants must use proper grammar and spelling in the essay and will be penalized for use of improper grammar or spelling.
3. Applicants are not permitted to include any forms of media other than plain text in their essays. Do not include any photos, diagrams, or charts.
4. Essays must be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font, double-spaced.
5. Applicants may opt to cite external references in their essays, such as statistics or quotes. All external references must be properly cited as parenthetical citations, footnotes, or endnotes.
6. Essays must be the original work of the applicant. Essays must neither have been entered in another competition nor have been published previously in any form or sold for publication.
7. Essays must not contain material that infringes on the intellectual property rights of others. Any essay that violates these rules will be disqualified and any awards made for such essay will be rescinded and must be returned to NCNW.
8. Essays must be e-mailed as a Microsoft Word document or Adobe pdf file to:  
[fashionblyfit22@gmail.com](mailto:fashionblyfit22@gmail.com) E-mail subject line: **Essay Contest – (Your Full Name)**

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## AWARDS & JUDGING – ESSAY & ORATORICAL

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1. Essays will be judged on the following criteria: Creativity & originality, persuasiveness, grammar & spelling, understanding of the issue and relevancy of response to the topic question.
2. Up to ten finalists will be notified by April 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Selected finalists will be required to read their essays in the form of an **Oratorical Competition** at the NCNW View Park Section Meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2019\* at 3pm at the NCNW Council House 3720 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA      *\*Date subject to change*
4. The essays and oratorical competition will be judged by a committee selected by the NCNW View Park Section.
5. Oratorical presentation will be judged on: composition, subject matter, content originality, delivery, vocal control, enunciation, pronunciation, presentation and staying within time limits. The oration can be read or memorized.
6. Presentations, read or memorized, should not be longer than 5 minutes.
7. First, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners will be selected & announced at the conclusion of the oratorical presentations
8. Winners will be invited to recite their essay on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the “Purple Hat Affair – High Tea” in Los Angeles. Lunch will be included and scholarship awards presented.
9. All taxes shall be the responsibility of the winners of the competition. Winners may be required to submit a completed IRS Form W-9 to NCNW.
- 10 All submitted essays become the exclusive intellectual property of NCNW View Park Section, and NCNW obtains all rights to use and republish all or any part of such essays upon submission.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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1. Applicant acknowledges that NCNW shall have no liability of any kind as a result of any errors or omissions in the administration of this essay competition, or any network or website errors or incompatibilities, and by entering this competition applicant releases any and all claims applicant may have against NCNW in this regard.
2. No notice will be given to applicants with non-winning or non-conforming essays or applications.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

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