



Division 6: High Schools Grades 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th
Submission Type: Essay

Prompt: Critical Race Theory has become a controversial topic recently across the United States. Explain what is Critical Race Theory, why it is so controversial in today's society, and your suggestion(s) for creating a more equal education system.

Minimum word count – 750 words

1st Place - \$200

2nd Place - \$100

3rd Place - \$75

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Go to <https://www.paducahnaacp.com/hargrove-king-essay-poster-contest/>
2. Click on "Student Resources"
3. Download the Student Essay Template.
4. When you are ready to submit, go back to the website above.
5. Enter your name, school, and grade.
6. Upload a .pdf or .docx of the essay.
7. Click "Submit".

SCORING RUBRIC

Click on the following link to view the scoring rubric that will be used to evaluate all essays:

[Hargrove-King Essay Scoring Rubric](#)



Division 3, 4, and 5: Middle School Grades 6th, 7th, and 8th
Submission Type: Essay

Prompt: Medgar Evers was a great, unsung hero of the Civil Rights Movement. His story and legacy still endure today. Research the life and legacy of Medgar Evers and explain how his work gave many the power to help fight for civil rights and equity for everyone.

Minimum word count for 6th grade – 300 words

Minimum word count for 7th grade – 350 words

Minimum word count for 8th grade – 500 words

1st Place - \$100

2nd Place - \$75

3rd Place - \$50

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Division 2: Elementary Grades 4th and 5th
Submission Type: Essay

Prompt: A significant and foundational event of the Civil Rights Movement was Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955. Research both Rosa Parks and the bus boycott and explain how they gave many the power to help fight for civil rights and equity for everyone.

Minimum word count: 250 words

1st Place - \$50

2nd Place - \$35

3rd Place - \$25

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5. Enter your name, school, and grade.
6. Upload a .pdf or .docx of the essay.
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Division 1: Elementary Grades Kindergarten – 3rd Submission Type: Poster

Prompt: One of the most recognized people of the Civil Rights Movement was Rosa Parks. Research the life and legacy of Rosa Parks and create a poster that shows how she used her power to stand up for equal rights, freedom, and justice for everyone.

1st Place - \$50

2nd Place - \$35

3rd Place - \$25

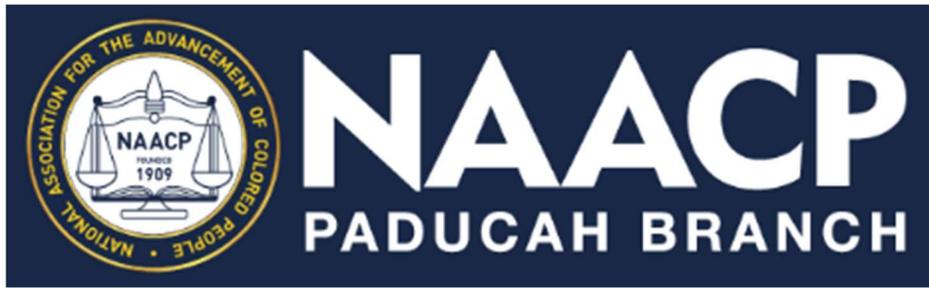
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Go to <https://www.paduahnacp.com/hargrove-king-essay-poster-contest/>
2. Click on "Student Resources"
3. Enter your name, school, and grade.
4. Upload a .pdf or .jpeg of the poster.
5. Click "Submit".

SCORING RUBRIC

Click on the following link to view the scoring rubric that will be used to evaluate all posters:

[Hargrove-King Poster Contest Scoring Rubric](#)



Greetings,

The Paducah-McCracken County NAACP is proud to sponsor the 2023 Annual ***Fredricka Hargrove-Martin Luther King Essay/Poster Contest!*** We look forward to this time of each year when students and their teachers can celebrate the life, work, and legacy of Dr. King.

The theme for the 2023 Essay/Poster Contest is “**This is Power**”.

There are six categories from which the top 3 winners will be awarded cash prizes. The first-place winners will have the opportunity to record their essays and have them published on local radio, thanks to our friends at WKMS.

CATEGORIES

Division	Grade Level	Submission
Division 1	Kindergarten – Grade 3	Poster
Division 2	Grades 4 – 5	Essay
Division 3	Grade 6	Essay
Division 4	Grade 7	Essay
Division 5	Grade 8	Essay
Division 6	Grades 9 - 12	Essay

All entries must be submitted by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2022**. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be scored.

Winners will be notified by **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2023** through their local schools.

Please see all documents for a detailed description of the prompts, rubrics, and instructions for submitting via the website (NEW THIS YEAR).

All entries will be scored by a volunteer panel of judges representing all school districts.

Any questions may be directed to the Paducah NAACP Education Committee Chairperson, Corbin Snardon, at paducahnaacp@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued participation in this event and support of your local NAACP chapter.

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