

2019 Racial Justice Essay Contest



Open to all high school students in Alabaster, Pelham and Shelby County Schools

ESSAY

**700 word minimum
1000 word maximum**

WINNERS

**\$5,000 in scholarships
and prizes**

(Announced February 10, 2020)

DEADLINE

**Friday, January 10,
2020**

The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) in partnership with the Montevallo Community Remembrance Project coalition is pleased to announce a scholarship contest open to 9th – 12th grade students attending Alabaster, Pelham and Shelby County Schools where prizes totaling at least \$5,000 will be awarded to winning participants.

To participate in the scholarship contest, you will need to prepare an essay between 700 to 1000 words that explores the connection between a particular historical event and present-day issues based on the given instructions at the website below. Your essay should include (1) reflection on how history informs our present using one of three essay prompts, (2) engagement with other people or artistic expressions that add insight to exploration of our past and present, and (3) personal reflection on how historical issues of race and class impact their lives today.

Eligibility and Essay Guidelines can be found at:
<https://tinyurl.com/EJI-Montevallo-EssayContest>

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Essays and entry forms must be received or postmarked by Friday, January 10, 2020

QUESTIONS?

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