

***In recognition of
Women's History Month
we invite you to submit an essay about
a gender-based equity and justice issue
and potential solutions.***

**Deadline For Submission: Friday, MARCH 31, 2023 at
5:00 PM HST**

For High School Students attending public, private, homeschool, or charter schools on
Kaua'i

PRESENTED BY THE

County of Kaua'i, Kaua'i Committee on the Status of Women

DEADLINE: The Women’s History Month Essay Contest deadline is 5:00 p.m. HST, Friday, March 31, 2023.

SUBMISSION: Essay and entry form must be submitted by email to: smuragin@kauai.gov. Please title email with subject line: “lastnamefirstinitialWHM2023” (*your last name, initial of your first name, WHM2023*). An email confirmation will be sent within three business days. If you do not receive an email confirmation, please call 808-241-4919. All entries are the property of the Committee on the Status of Women. The decision of the judges and the committee is final.

THEME: To honor Women’s History Month students have the opportunity to reflect on and write about an equity and justice issue impacting girls and/or gender non-conforming people and potential solutions.

ENTRY FORM: A completed and signed entry form must be submitted with your essay. Do not put your name on the essay.

LENGTH: Essay must be on one page, 12-point font, times new roman, single space, with one-inch margins on all sides.

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to all high school students (public, private, charter and home schooled) on Kaua’i. It is open to all students, regardless of race, sex, gender, class, etc. Each contestant must be a legal resident of the County of Kaua’i, Hawai’i at the time of submission.

LANGUAGE: Essays should be written in English; however, you are welcomed to write your essay in your native language (if not English) but it must be translated into English for submission.

WINNERS: The Committee on the Status of Women will select the top winners and announce in May 2023. Winning essays will be published on the Committee on the Status of Women website www.kauai.gov/KCCSW with a press release to the Garden Island Newspaper and other media outlets.

PRIZES: Each winner will receive a cash award. The cash prize will come in a form of a check.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Each submission will be read and evaluated using the following criteria:

- The theme must be clearly addressed.
- Essay content must include relevant, accurate information and ideas must be fully developed, and demonstrate critical and creative thinking.
- Essay uses highly engaging and personal style. The author finds fresh or interesting ways to convey ideas.
- Essay is well-written and includes: a thesis, transitions, attention to audience and tone, support for claims, appropriate use of references and citations, style and syntax.
- The essay demonstrates that the author has genuinely explored the theme, how it relates to their own life and how this issue connects to people and places beyond oneself.

ENTRY FORM

Please submit attached to the essay

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____

Zip Code: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s):

Parent/Legal Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian E-Mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

RELEASE STATEMENT

As a parent/legal guardian, I acknowledge that my child has written the attached essay. Should they win the essay contest, I agree to allow the submitted essay and a head shot of my child to be distributed publicly.

As a parent/legal guardian, I hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of

(Print student's name)

and my child is a legal resident of the County of Kaua'i, Hawai'i.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date