

2021 YLS Essay Rules

The Young Ladies Success Essay Contest encourages young ladies to demonstrate their creative writing skills. An English Professor will choose the winning essays, and monetary prizes will be awarded at the end of the Conference per the Official Rules listed below.

2021 Young Ladies Success Essay Topic

Learning During COVID-19

Discuss what you have learned this year in a virtual learning setting. How can this experience benefit you in the future?

OFFICIAL RULES

1. **BINDING AGREEMENT:** Your submission to the Young Ladies Success (YLS) Essay Contest constitutes an agreement to the Official Rules.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to enter the Contest, an Entrant: (1) **cannot be a previous essay winner** (2) be a middle or high school young lady enrolled in a private, public school, or homeschool, and (3) register and attend the entire Conference.

3. **SPONSORS:** Mvita Consulting and private donors sponsor the Contest.

4. **HOW TO ENTER:** Your essay must be typed and emailed as an attachment by **April 18, 2021, by 11:59 pm** to essiechi@gmail.com. Your paper will be assigned a number and forwarded to the judge as a blind (no name or address) submission. Your essay must meet the following requirements as stated in Nos. 5 and 6.

5. **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS Part I:** Complete heading:

Current Date

Your First and Last Name

Name of School and Grade

Parent's Name (or Guardian)

Parent's Phone Number

Parent's Email Address

6. **ESSAY REQUIREMENTS Part II:**

- No. of Words: 300-400 (**Essays over 400 words will be disqualified.**)
- Format: Use double spacing, 12 font, Times New Roman, 1" margins
- Assistance: Entrant may seek proofreading help, but all work must be original
- Avoid stating your name or school in the body of your essay
- No. of submissions: Limit One (1) essay per person

- **Save as a word document (no PDF) like this: YLS2021_Essay_First and Last Name**

Note: Entries received without following the above criteria or without parents or legal guardian's information will be disqualified.

7. **JUDGING:** A Professor from Blinn College will grade each essay. The judge will evaluate the following elements: • Format of the paper as listed above; does not exceed 400 words • Entrant has an excellent introduction paragraph with a hook and thesis statement • Entrant uses correct subject and verb agreement • Errors are minimal, and Entrant clearly and effectively address the topic.

8. **PRIZES:** There will be three prizes for middle school and three prizes awarded for high school winners issued in the form of a check (first place, \$75; second place, \$50; and third place, \$25.) **To be eligible, you must register and attend the summit.**

9. **PRIVACY:** Your essay will contain personal information. **This personal information will not be shared or published without your written consent.**

10. **PUBLICITY:** By entering into the essay contest, you agree to participate in any media or promotional activity for use YLS.

11. **ELIMINATION:** If plagiarism is detected, YLS will disqualify the Entrant's essay. All writing must be original. Any false information provided within the context of the Contest by Entrant concerning identity, mailing address, telephone number, email address, ownership of right, or non-compliance with these Rules or the like may result in the immediate elimination of the Entrant from the Contest.

12. **RIGHT TO CANCEL, MODIFY OR DISQUALIFY:** If, for any reason, the Contest is not capable of running as planned, Young Ladies Success reserves the right to cancel, terminate, or change the Contest. **QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATION:** Please email the Director at essiechi@gmail.com.

Winners will be announced at the end of the Conference and must be present to win.

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