

Beulah Shepard



ANNUAL FRIENDS OF BEULAH SHEPARD LEGACY STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

The Acres Homes community was established during World War I and is considered to be the largest unincorporated African American community in the Southern United States.

In honor of Black History Month, students in Pre-K through 12th grade are encouraged to research and write an essay about African American leaders in Acres Homes and the city of Houston at large.

Students may choose any African American leader from Acres Homes or the city of Houston to profile. Suggestions for Acres Homes Community leaders are Beulah Shepard, Mayor Sylvester Turner, Actress Loretta Devine, Jewel Houston, Ruby Mosely, Dorothy Hubbard, Elizabeth Francis, Pastor F.N. Williams, Pastor Edwin Davis, Pastor Floyd Flakes, The Acres Homes Transit Company, or **a student may choose another African American Acres Homes legend that is not listed or any African American leader from the city of Houston at large** (i.e., Mayor Lee P. Brown, Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, Congressman Mickey Leland, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Roy Malonson, Dr. Zizwe Poe, George McElroy).

Entries will be judged on originality, grammar, and creativity. All entries will be kept upon submission by the Friends of the Beulah Shepard Legacy Committee.

**Please see other side for Contest Instructions
and Awards Program Details**



SUBMISSION

Submit essays online via Email to:
friendsofbeulahshepardlegacy@gmail.com
or deliver your hard copy to:
Beulah Shepard-Acres Homes Neighborhood Library
8501 W. Montgomery Rd., Houston, TX 77088

Submissions Must Include:

- Student's name & age
- School & grade
- Phone number
- Email address

Awards will be given to the top three essays in each grade category. You must be present to win.

Contest Deadline:

All Essays must be received by:
Saturday, February 8, 2025

Awards Program:

You must be present to win.

Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Awards Program Event Location:

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Requirements:

- Pre-K – 1st grade: Provide collage or drawing of the community leader and a two-sentence description of this leader. Child must make the collage/drawing and adult may write the sentence using the child's words.
- 2nd – 3rd grade: 20 – 100+ word paragraph "with a collage or drawing of the community leader.
- 4th – 5th grade: 500+ word original essay on a community leader(s).
- 6th – 8th grade: 750+ word original essay on a community leader(s).
- 9th – 12th grade: 1500+ word original essay on a community leader(s).

For more information, please call 281-594-7910 or visit our website at <https://friendsofbeulahshepardlegacy.org>

This event is part of the Houston Public Library's Black History Month activities. The contest and program are free and open to the public.