

**Nevada Women's Suffrage Celebration
Committee**

2019 Essay Contest

**In Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary
of the 19th Amendment**



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Essay Contest Application and Rules

“How Did Women's Suffrage Change American Society?”

Contest is open to all active 6-12 students enrolled in a State of Nevada Schools:
Public, Private, Charter or Home Schooled.

Awards

Grades	1 st Place	2 nd Place
6-8	\$100	\$50
9-12	\$100	\$50

All entries must be received by 5:00PM on
Monday, December 9, 2019 and submitted via email to:

m.walt@admin.nv.gov.

Essay Requirements

Requirements (failure to meet any requirement disqualifies the essay)

Grades 6-8

300 Word Essay

Grades 9-12

500 Word Essay

1. The essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman or Arial font. Use one side of white paper 8 ½ x 11 inches. Number the pages consecutively.
2. A bibliography must be included to cite sources (books and websites) that you used to write your essay. Do not use *Wikipedia* as a source.
3. Cite any quotations, borrowed ideas, and facts that are not general knowledge.
4. The essay must be written on the designated topic only; *How did Women's Suffrage change American Society?*
5. The essay must be in English.
6. **Any plagiarized work will be disqualified.**
7. Submit one copy of your essay to Molly Walt at m.walt@admin.nv.gov.
8. Attach the Parental Acknowledgment and Consent Form (last page of this document).
9. Entries will not be returned.

Winners will be selected from each age group (6-8 and 9-12).

Winners will be notified by phone no later than Friday, January 17, 2020.

Judging

The Nevada Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy members will judge the essays.

Judging guidelines include:

1. Content: Does the essay address the essay question; *How did Women's Suffrage change American Society?*
2. Style: Is the essay original and interesting? Is it written with understanding and conviction? Does the personality of the writer come through?
3. Clarity of expression: Are the ideas clearly stated? Is the essay well-organized? Does it have an effective beginning and conclusion?
4. Mechanics: Is grammar, spelling, and punctuation reasonable accurate? Does the author include a bibliography and cite all quotes, borrowed ideas, and the facts that are NOT general knowledge? Does the essay stay within the word limit?

First and Second place prizes will be awarded to students in Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12.

Notification of Winners

In January 2020 winners will be notified. All winning entries will be published on www.nv19thamendmentcentennial.com and prizes will be presented a celebration reception on February 7, 2020 at Governor's Mansion, Nevada Room.

Questions: Contact Molly Walt at (775) 684-0296 or email: m.walt@admin.nv.gov

Please submit this form with Essay

Acknowledgment and Consent:

I, the parent or guardian of the above-named individual, acknowledge that Nevada Women's Celebration Committee and its partners may utilize winning essays, photographs and information of named individual for publicity and/or media purposes. I consent to such uses and hereby waive all rights to compensation.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Teacher Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Phone: _____ Parent's Email: _____

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