



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CHURCH



## 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY CONTEST

**Topic: Given that recently a monument was dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Explain how the words of his "I have a dream" speech have inspired me to achieve my dreams.**

### Prizes in U.S. Savings Bonds

First place.....\$1,000	Fifth place.....\$400
Second place.....\$750	Sixth place.....\$300
Third place.....\$600	Seventh place.....\$250
Fourth place.....\$500	Eighth place..... \$200

**Purpose:** To promote **Excellence in Education** and help students learn about the achievements of African-American people.

**Eligibility** - All students who attend Flowers High School, as well as all high school students who attend Prince George's Community Church are eligible to participate.

**Contest** - The contest has been designed to be challenging and will consist of the following two phases:

**Phase 1)** A written essay on the following topic:

**Given that recently a monument was dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - Explain how the words of his "I have a dream" speech have inspired me to achieve my dreams.**

**(Essays are due Monday, December 12th, 2011 - no late essays will be accepted)**

**Phase 2)** A written exam with questions pertaining to significant persons, places, organizations and events in African-American History. The questions will be based on a list of 90 topics which will be available to all students.

### **Rules for Writing Essays**

- 1) All essays are to be typewritten; double spaced and must be between 750 to 800 words.
- 2) Type font size must be #12; the preferred font style is Times New Roman or Arial.
- 2) Essays must have a cover sheet attached, which will include only the following information: a) Name of student, first and last name. b) Name of school student attends. c) Grade level of student. d) Name of student's English teacher. d) Telephone number of student. e) Number of words in the essay being submitted. (use Word Count)
- 3) The student is to type in his or her phone number on every page of the essay. The student's name is to appear only on the cover sheet.
- 4) Any quotations or excerpts that appear in the essay are to be clearly referenced.

### **Submission of Essays for Grading**

Students at Flowers are to turn in their essays no later than **Monday, December 12th, 2011** to the school coordinator, Mrs. Aarons (Room 1004, Marketing on Main Street). Flowers students should see Mrs. Aarons for any questions. Students at PGC Church are to turn their essays in on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, to Reverend Thompson. No essays will be accepted after these dates.

### **Grading of Essays**

Some of the elements that the judges will use to score the essays include: a) Spelling, grammar and punctuation. b) Development of the topic. c) Organization - are the various points flowing logically from one to the other. d) Support of points with references and examples. e) Clarity in conveying ideas, concepts and feelings, could the reader clearly understand what the writer was saying?

**Announcement of Semifinalists** Names of the students with the highest essay scores will be announced on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The semifinalists will then compete in phase 2, the written exam.

**Written Exam on African-American History** The exam will be given to the students of Flowers High School during the **week of February 12th**. The students who attend Prince George's Community Church will take the exam after the church service on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Rules for Written Exam** – 1) Test will last for 50 minutes. 2) Test will have up to 90 multiple choice, essay, and true and false questions. The questions will be derived from significant facts pertaining to persons, places, events or organizations which will be listed on the church web site, **www.pgcchurch.org**, by December 1st.

**Notification of Contest Winners** will be on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Award of Prizes** Prizes will be awarded on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 during the 9AM church service of Prince George's Community Church, which is held in the auditorium of Flowers High School. Students must be present to be awarded prizes. The first and second place winners will have to read their essays. Contest winners will be decided based on both essay scores and the test scores from the written exam. Decisions of the judges will be final.

**Sponsorship** - The contest is sponsored by the Prince George's Community Church and the Ione James Excellence in Education Fund.

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