How will YOU be DEFINED?

2020
Lorain County Toni Morrison Essay Contest for Young People

Mother my children and write
Toni Morrison
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In honor of the 1st Toni Morrison Day

Organized by
African American Community Fund, Community Foundation of Lorain County, Lorain Historical Society, Lorain Public Library System, Lorain County Alliance of Black School Educators, Lorain County Urban League, Lorain County Section of National Council of Negro Women

This essay contest is organized in an effort to harness the energy, creativity and initiative of our hometown hero Toni Morrison.

Theme

“How will you be defined?”

Toni Morrison’s work explores the issue of identity, how we see ourselves and how others see us. Her novels also examine self-esteem, the positive and negative evaluations we give ourselves. How can the discrepancies between how others see us affect our self esteem?

Guidelines

1. Essays may be submitted by students Kindergarten through College in one of the following categories:
   a) Elementary school (K-5)  b) Middle school (6-8)
   c) High school (9-12)        d) College
2. The essay must be 700 words or less excluding essay title and cover page. The essay may be typed or printed. Pictures with elementary categories are acceptable.
3. Entries may be submitted online, by postal mail or dropped off.
4. Entries submitted must include a cover page indicating:
   (1) your name (2) category (3) address (4) e-mail (student or guardian)
   (5) phone number (6) school name
5. The essay must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized entries will be rejected.

Deadline

Entries must be received by February 7, 2020 by 5:00pm

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Please send your entries to:
Community Foundation of Lorain County
ATTN: Toni Morrison Essay Contest
9080 Leavitt Rd. Elyria, OH 44035
or essay@peoplewhocare.org

“Definitions belong to the definers, not the defined.”
(“Beloved,” 1987)