

Austin Independent School District  
African-American Heritage Committee

**Essay Information Form**

**THEME: "Building the Future from the Lessons of the Past"**

**PROMPT:** Why is it important to study Black History?

**OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES:**

1. All students in 4th grade are eligible to enter the contest.
2. Compositions must be the student's original work.
3. All compositions are limited to one (1) typed page, 12 point font, and double spaced.
4. The composition must address the theme **"Building the Future from the Lessons of the Past"**.
5. Each school should use its own criteria to select the top entry for this grade level activity. Consideration should be given to the quality of the student's thinking, as well as content, organization, mechanics (spelling and grammar), and neatness.
6. **All entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023. The African American Heritage Committee will conduct the final judging.**
7. **Three (3) students, their teacher and principal will be recognized for their winning essays at the Sunday, February 24, 2023 AISD African-American Heritage Celebration.**
8. Winning students and their families will be invited to attend this celebration scheduled for Friday, February 24th at 6pm at the AISD Performing Arts Center, 1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd., Austin, Texas 78723

**ENTRY CHECKLIST:**

- **Only one (1) 4<sup>th</sup> grade student entry per campus**
- **Complete Campus Entry [Google form](#) and attach final scored essay to Google form**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall 4th grade Winner will receive:**

- \$100 Visa Gift Card
- A book to be placed in the school library acknowledging the student
- A book for the student's home library
- A certificate signed by the Governor of State of Texas
- Teacher will receive a gift card valued at \$175.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall 4th grade Winner will receive:**

- \$75 Visa Gift Card
- A book to be placed in the school library acknowledging the student
- A book for the student's home library
- A certificate signed by the Governor of State of Texas
- Teacher will receive a gift card valued at \$125.00

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall 4th grade Winner will receive:**

- \$50 Visa Gift Card
- A book to be placed in the school library acknowledging the student
- A book for the student's home library
- A certificate signed by the Governor of State of Texas
- Teacher will receive a gift card valued at \$75.00