

Deadline for Entry: by 5 pm on March 3, 2017

Guidelines

With the help of the National Council of Negro Women and our local sponsors, Star 105.3 is proud to honor Black History Month with the 11th Annual Scholarship Essay contest.

This contest is open to all area high school seniors. Employees of Black Crow Media, affiliated entities, participating sponsors/promotional partners, other radio station employees in the Black Crow Media Group, and the members of their immediate families are ineligible to participate or win.

Please choose one of the following questions as your topic:

HIP HOP MUSIC

- *The new era of Hip Hop music has dramatically changed since it's beginning. We've gone from content that promotes education and empowerment to content that promotes open drug use, fictitious lifestyles, and blatant disrespect for others.*
- *Does it impact your outlook on society? Does it affect you and your community? Should there be more censorship and does it matter?*

HEALTH

- *With hypertension, obesity, and cancer leading the African American race to premature death... How would you get African Americans to take their health more seriously? – must include preventative measures and a plan of action*

ELECTION/POLITICS

- *Is voting a right or a privilege? Do you think that the electoral college is an effective system?*

All essays must be typed and double-spaced with a minimum of 500 words, but not exceeding 1,000 words. No hand-written or late entries will be accepted. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENTRY ITSELF.** Entries must be hand-delivered, stapled to the

completed entry form, to the Star 105.3 studio, located at Black Crow Media, 1711 Ellis Drive, Valdosta, Ga 31601, no later than March 3, 2017 at 5 pm. Essays will be judged on a blind basis (no names attached) by an independent, objective committee of judges using a predetermined set of criteria. Judging will be completed by March 14, 2017 and finalists will be notified March 15, 2017 and will attend a ceremony at Black Crow Media on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 4pm, where the winner will be announced.