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## The African American Heritage Month Committee

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**Subject: African American Heritage Month  
2009 Art & Essay Contest**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH THEME: Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas and additional topics: Tuskegee Airmen, Buffalo Soldiers, Satchel Paige, Harriett Tubman, Madame C.J. Walker and Ida B. Wells.

The African American Heritage Month Committee (AAHMC) of the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board invites you to participate in our **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Essay Contest**. The AAHMC is comprised of Federal employees from at least 25 different agencies who support and work toward bringing something viable to our community of youth each year. We are committed to educating and help them obtain a monetary award that can be used towards higher education.

The AAHMC has been working collaboratively with Pittsburgh middle schools and surrounding school districts for 27 years to enhance community awareness, celebrate significant cultural events and achievements of African Americans.

In commemoration of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Celebration of Black History Month, the theme of this year's Art and Essay Contest is: **Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas**. We are adopting this theme from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), one of the oldest African American historical organizations in the United States. ASALH was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, a distinguished international educator, and other colleagues to research the African American experience and share information about African American people worldwide. Dr. Woodson is credited with instituting *Negro History Week* in 1926 which later grew and became known as *National Afro-American History Month*.

### Contest Rules:

- Any student who attends the Pittsburgh Middle Schools and surrounding school districts is eligible to participate.
- Submit an original poster or create a short, type-written essay (1,000 words or less).
- To be considered for an award, entries must reflect the theme of this year's contest. The poster or the essay must tell us about the theme **Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas or the Tuskegee Airmen, Buffalo Soldiers, Satchel Paige, Harriett Tubman, Madame C.J. Walker and Ida B. Wells**. Only submissions from individual students will be considered for contest awards
- The deadline for submitting entries is **January 30, 2009** No late entries will be accepted
- Submissions will be judged using two categories: essay and art.
- All entries will be reviewed by a panel of expert judges.

### Prizes and Recognition

- Award winning essays and artistic posters will receive community wide recognition.
- Six prizes will be awarded. Our co-sponsor, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company, will provide U.S. Savings Bonds for contest winners. The first, second and third prize winners in each category will receive **\$500, \$300, \$200** and **\$100** savings bonds, respectively.
- Contest winners will be honored at a special luncheon and awards ceremony.

**The African American Heritage Month Committee's 27th Award Luncheon will be held Friday February 27, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Churchill Country Club.**

# The African American Heritage Month Committee 2009 Art and Essay Contest

## Instructions and Application

Please read parts I and II.

### I. Instructions:

- Each student may enter one essay or one poster that reflects the current theme.
- Submissions must reflect student's original work.
- Posters may represent artwork or photography and can be created using pencils, markers, watercolors, computer graphics or camera.
- The required white board dimensions for your poster art are 22" x 28".
- Write your name and the name of your school on the back of your poster and on your essay.
- Attach the application sheet to your contest entry.
- Your social security number will be needed to process the savings bond.
- All entries with application forms must be received no later than **January 30, 2009**.
- The contact person for the Art & Essay Contest is **Lorraine Cook, Committee Chairperson at (724) 776-6229.**

**ALL COMPLETED WORK FOR THE CONTEST MAY BE SENT OR BROUGHT TO: AAHMC ART & ESSAY CONTEST c/o Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board, Room 1301 Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222, Regina Wiggins (412) 395-6220.**

Sincerely,

**Lorraine Cook,  
AAHMC Chair  
724-776-6229**

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**II. Application.** To apply, fully complete the following information and attach to your submission.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Last Name

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Age

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervising Teacher

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Telephone

**ESSAY.**

**Description:** (In 1000 words describe). **PLEASE TYPE YOUR RESPONSE.** Type on a separate sheet and submit with this form.