



Women's History Month 2026

Essay Opens: February 22, 2026

Submission Deadline: March 8, 2026 5pm CST to pgcscholarship1914@gmail.com

TYPING GUIDELINES: Word Document, Times New Roman 12-point font, Double spaced, Name, phone number and grade level must be included in email NOT ON ESSAY

Grades 1-3 (100 words minimum; may be legibly handwritten or typed)

- ❖ Why is it important to learn about women from the past?

Judging criteria: understanding of topic, ideas and content, personal connection, organization, writing conventions

Grades 4-5 (200 words minimum typed)

- ❖ Why do you think it is important to remember women whose stories were not always told?

Judging criteria: understanding of Black History, use of examples, explanation and reasoning, organization and writing conventions

Grades 6-8 (300 – 600 minimum words typed)

- ❖ How does learning about women's history help students understand current social issues?

Judging criteria: depth of understanding, analysis and thinking, evidence of examples, organization and clarity and writing mechanics

Grades 9-12 (500 – 1000 minimum words typed)

- ❖ How can understanding women's history help society address ongoing gender inequalities?

Judging criteria: Thesis/argument, critical analysis, use of evidence, organization and coherence, writing quality and mechanics

Collegiate (1500 minimum words typed)

- ❖ How does women's history intersect with race, class, sexuality, and nationality in shaping historical experiences?

Judging criteria: Thesis/argument, critical analysis, use of evidence, organization and coherence, writing quality and mechanics

Winners announced March 22, 2026