

Shall Not Be Denied



ESSAY CONTEST FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

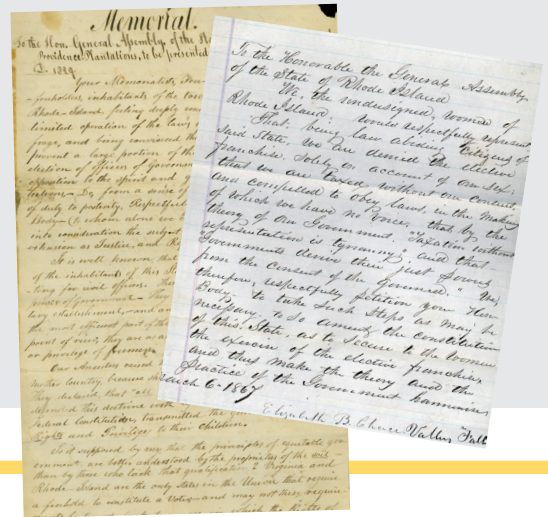
We invite all Rhode Island 7th and 8th grade students to participate in a state-wide essay contest inspired by the passage of the 19th amendment:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Essays may address topics such as: why voting matters; present-day barriers to voting; reasons for low voter turnout; or advocacy more broadly. State-wide winner(s) will receive a cash prize and will be invited to read their essays aloud during an event at the Rhode Island State House.

GUIDELINES

- Any RI student in 7th-8th grade (or equivalent) may participate.
- Submission is a 300-500 word essay.
- Essays must be typed, double spaced, and in 12-point font.
- Submissions are due April 15, 2020.
- State-wide winner(s) will receive cash prizes and be invited to read their essays aloud during an event at the RI State House.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CONTEST AND ITS RULES, PLEASE VISIT SOS.RI.GOV.



Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State



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