



## ESSAY CONTEST APPLICATION

The purpose of the Meet the World Image Solutions Black History Month Essay Contest is to help awaken a new love for African American history and culture in our youth. Additionally, it will help our students to exercise critical writing skills that will be needed as they progress in their academic careers, and ultimately their professional careers. The students in the New Orleans Public School System are some of the best and the brightest, so we are confident that our judges will be in for a treat!

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

A. Completed Essay Contest Application

B. 500-word essay on one of the below topics:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: What Black History figure do you most admire, and why?

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Why is Black History Month still relevant for this generation?

Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

### **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Applications and essays must be received by Feb. 9, 2018 for consideration. To enter, complete the attached application and email it along with your essay to the following email address: [info@mtwimagesolutions.com](mailto:info@mtwimagesolutions.com)

Essays must not exceed 500 words, and must be typed double spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with 1-inch margins. Essays will be judged on originality, creativity, and presentation (including grammar and spelling). First place winners at each level will receive a \$100 prize, scholarship and educational services, publication in SwagHer Magazine, and will be invited to read their essays at the Black History Month Literary Weekend Jazz Brunch on Feb. 24, 2018.

We thank you in advance for your participation, and look forward to reading your essay.

**NOTE: Applications and accompanying materials will not be returned to applicants.**



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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #(Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Signature**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

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**Date**

### Release Authorization

I hereby grant permission to use my name, comments and picture for public relations, advertising and/or any other lawful purposes, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s) including written copy that may be created in conjunction therewith. I understand that information from my scholarship application and essay submitted may be used.

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**Parent Signature**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

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