

# AAUW McLean Area Branch 2022 STEM Essay Contest

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**Essay Theme**: This essay contest challenges 7th and 8th grade students, girls and boys, to discover and publicize women including women of color (non-white) who made a difference in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, but who received little or no recognition for their contributions while they were alive. Strong preference is given to essays about women who are not well known even today. Describe one woman's STEM contribution and its impact, and clearly state why you selected the woman who is the subject of your essay.

#### Essay Guidelines:

-Essays must be no more than 500 words and include a bibliography with 3-5 sources (not part of the 500 words). Please follow the MLA style for formatting entries in the bibliography; multiple online sources describe the MLA format. Do not include photos or graphics.

-Essays will be judged for effectiveness in addressing the theme (description of the contribution, its impact, and your reason for selecting the woman), writing style (including organization, clarity, accuracy, originality in style, and word choice), and mechanics (including punctuation, grammar, spelling, and bibliography).

-Essays must be the student's original work. Information from sources should be stated in your own words. If an essay is found to contain plagiarism or factual errors, it will not eligible for an award.

## Essay Submission:

-The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, February 11, 2022, at 11:00 pm EST. No late submissions will be accepted. Only one essay submission per student is permitted.

-Students must download the application (Word document or fillable PDF) from https://mclean-va.aauw.net/stem-essaycontest-2022/, and email the completed application mcleanaauw@gmail.com. All submissions will be acknowledged with a return email stating that a complete application has been received. Students should verify that they have received this email.

#### Essay Prizes:

-First Place \$100, Second Place \$50, Honorable Mention (2 Prizes) \$25 (Winners will be notified by email.)

-The student awarded First Place must be able to attend the AAUW McLean Area Branch Event on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to receive the award and will be invited to read his or her essay at the event. All winners and their parents or guardians will be invited to participate in the virtual event.

Contestant				
Last Name		First Name		
Street	City		State	Zip Code
School Name	Grade	email Address		

## Student and Parent/Guardian Permissions Required

We give the American Association of University Wo	aphs of the winners taker	to use this entry for judging and publicity purposes. In during the awards event or provided by the students	
We affirm that this is the original work of this stude	ent.		
Student	Date		
Parent	Phone	email Address	
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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Essay (No more than 500 words):

Bibliography:

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