

# **PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION JUNETEENTH ESSAY CONTEST**

**APPLY**

The Juneteenth Essay Contest presented by the **Progressive Missionary Baptist Association** (PMBA) in Riceboro, Georgia is an opportunity for several high school seniors to receive \$500 in scholarship money. Juneteenth (June 19) is the oldest celebration marking the end of slavery in the US and was first celebrated in Galveston, Texas in 1865. Officially named Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19 is now officially recognized as a federal holiday.

Access the application form at <https://forms.gle/wyLoNggA69Jpwndnp6> . Applications must be submitted online by **Friday, May 1, 2024, at 2:00 PM**. Winners must be available to attend the **PMBA Juneteenth Freedom Festival** at Riceboro Youth Center on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 4 PM.

## **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

- High School Senior
- Proof of Acceptance to a College or University

## **ESSAY QUESTION**

Why is celebrating Juneteenth more important today than ever before and what is the most empowering part of the celebration?

## **ESSAY WRITING REQUIREMENTS**

- Essay must be the student's original work. Plagiarism will not be accepted.
- Essay must be submitted online with an application and formatted as follows:
  - Typewritten 12 pt. or 14 pt. font.
  - 200 words double spaced with references.
  - Essay must remain on topic.
- Essay will be judged on content, spelling, grammar, punctuation, format, and originality.

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