

Black History Month Contest Rules

The national theme for Black History Month 2023 is *Black Resistance* which focuses on African Americans resistance to all forms of historic racism and discrimination. This year's contest is meant to spread a message of education and encouragement, designed to stimulate discussion and bridge cultures in furtherance of the national theme.

Forms of submission:

- Poem
- Dance Video

Disclaimer: All submissions will become property of the Commonwealth's Multi-Agency Black History Month Committee and will not be returned. All submissions will be held in accordance with the record retention schedule for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Eligibility: The contest is open to current high school students in grades 9-12 who reside in and attend school in Pennsylvania.

Poem Rules: The poem must have two parts: 1) Title page, 2) Poem. The poem must be listed in a separate page and not reference the applicant's name or information.

1. Title Page Contents:
 - a. Poem title
 - b. Applicant's name, grade, address, phone number & email
 - c. Applicant's high school name & address
 - d. Principal's name, address, phone & email address
2. Poem Contents:
 - a. Poem can be written in any poetic style

Dance Video Rules:

1. Title Page Contents:
 - a. Dance title
 - b. Applicant(s) name(s), grade(s), address(es), phone number(s) & email(s)
 - c. Applicant(s) high school name & address
 - d. Principal's name, address, phone number & email address
2. Video Contents:
 - a. Video recording not to exceed three (3) minutes in length
 - b. By submitting a video for the event, you and participants grant consent for all or part of the video to be used by the Multi-Agency Black History Month Committee, and authorizes its rebroadcast on multiple platforms utilized by the Committee

Submission Deadline: All submissions must be made by the high school principal. Submissions must be submitted no later than *Friday, February 10, 2023*, to blackhistorycommittee@pa.gov.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Multi-Agency Black History Month Committee believes this event to be educational and encourages student participation.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.