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## **Women's History Month Essay Competition Rules**

*Bethel, Easton, Fairfield, Newtown 7th Grade Students*

1. 7th grade students in participating middle schools, both public and private, are asked to write an essay on the topic: “Who is Your Heroine? Describe Her ‘Superpower,’ and How Her Contributions Impact(ed) the People Around Her.”
  - a. Each student should focus on one notable historic or contemporary Connecticut woman, detailing her life and accomplishments, and what those contributions mean to them and their community.
  - b. Students may choose any woman: from community leaders, business women, healthcare professionals, teachers, to relatives, etc.
2. The essay must be 350-400 words, and formatted in Times New Roman, Cambria, Calibri, or other easily read font, size 12, and double spaced.
  - a. Each essay should also include the student's name, school, a contact name (a teacher or administrator), e-mail address, and telephone number.
3. Teachers at participating schools are asked to review the essays and select two finalists from each school based on form, style, research, grammar, insight, etc.
  - a. The two final essays from each school should be emailed by end of day Friday, March 7th, 2024, to Jackson Shostak at [jackson.shostak@cga.ct.gov](mailto:jackson.shostak@cga.ct.gov).
  - b. If homeschooled, please email your student’s essay directly to Jackson Shostak by the aforementioned date.
4. One winner and three runners-up will be determined by three local judges from the community by Monday, March 17th.
5. All participating students are invited to join in a community celebration, on a weekend in mid to late March, for their efforts. The selected students will be asked to share their essay and be recognized for their achievements and be presented with an official legislative citation. Family, friends, and heroines are encouraged to attend, in addition to our fantastic educators! Details to be released.

Please contact event coordinator **Jackson Shostak** at **(203) 521-5885** or [jackson.shostak@cga.ct.gov](mailto:jackson.shostak@cga.ct.gov) with any questions or inquiries about this competition!