



Let's celebrate



**BALDWIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION SPONSORED
JUNETEENTH ESSAY CONTEST 2026**

“What Freedom Means to Me”

What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is a holiday celebrated on June 19th. It marks the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Texas were finally told they were free. Today, it is a time to celebrate freedom, learn about history, and honor the strength and achievements of African Americans.

Essay Prompt

What does freedom mean to you?

Think about your life, your community, and what freedom looks like to you.

Contest Details

- **Open to Elementary School Students**
 - **100–250 words**
 - **Typed or neatly handwritten**
 - **Must be original work**

Deadline: Friday, May 22nd

Include name, grade, school, and parent/guardian contact.

**Winners will be invited to present their essays at
the Baldwin Juneteenth Celebration on
Friday, June 19th at the Baldwin Community Garden
Celebration is being held from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Any questions and submissions should be emailed to:
BCAJuneteenthCelebration@gmail.com**