General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) of Kansas present the

**2023-2024 CITIZENSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION**

Essay Topic: **Choose a historical figure who demonstrated exceptional citizenship through their actions. Explain their contributions and discuss three ways they inspired you to become an engaged citizen in your community.**

Competition Details:

1. Who may enter: any sophomore, junior, or senior high school student from Kansas who has not been a previous citizenship essay winner.

2. Essay winners will receive scholarships toward tuition or room and board applied directly to the college, university, or trade school they plan to attend after graduation. **First place scholarship is $500. Scholarships of lesser value will also be given to second and third place winners.**

3. Essay requirements: The essay must be 750 words or less, typewritten and double spaced on 81/2 by 11 paper. The essay title should be announced at the beginning of the student’s essay. Please note: there should be no identification on the essay. Identification is on the cover sheet only.

4. A cover sheet must accompany the essay entry. If there is no cover sheet the essay will not be judged. The cover sheet must include student contact information: name, address, phone number, and email. It also must include the name of the sponsoring club. It should also include grade in high school, name of high school, and city.

5. Students are to retain a copy of their essay. Essays may be emailed to the local club chairperson or sent by regular mail. If sent by regular mail, postmark must be on or before **contest due date which is February 15th, 2024.**

6. Criteria for judging includes the following:

Does the subject matter relate to the title? 20 points

Is there a clear statement of purpose? 10 points

Is there a definite introduction, body, and conclusion? 20 points

Are the body paragraphs developed with facts, examples, and other information? 30 points

Is the essay correctly written? (spelling, punctuation and grammar) 20 points

Total 100 points

Send essay and cover sheet to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Feel free to contact your club chairperson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or GFWC Kansas Citizenship Essay Chairperson Char Grelk at tcgrelk@cox.net or 785-238-5523 with any questions.

**ENTER today -- $500 scholarship opportunity.**