



In celebration of Black History Month, the *Office of Social Studies* and the *Office of English Language Arts* with the support of the *Education Foundation of Baltimore County Public Schools* are co-sponsoring a writing contest for all students in Grades K-12.

There will be a winner selected in each of the following grade level bands: grades K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

Student writers are invited to respond to the following prompt:

“Receiving an award for playing a superhero is amazing, but it’s even greater to acknowledge the heroes we have in real life.”
– Chadwick Boseman (aka The Black Panther)

Choose an African American activist, artist, athlete, author, musician, scientist, or other public figure to spotlight for BCPS in **one** of the following ways:

- What heroic characteristics does/did your chosen figure display to qualify as a hero? Discuss how his/her/their example has inspired you to be a hero in your own life.

OR

- If you could create a “superhero award”, what award would you give to your chosen figure and why? Discuss the accomplishments, sacrifice, influence, or impact of your chosen figure that qualify him/her/them to earn this award.

All submissions must be accompanied by the provided SUBMISSION COVER SHEET. Students may submit **ONE ENTRY PER GENRE**. Students must include a separate cover sheet for each submission.

- All submissions must be in Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, and double-spaced.
- All works must have a title.
- Each page must be numbered and include the writer's last name.
- Entries may be in any of the following genres: a personal essay, a letter, a speech, a script, or a poem. Students in primary grades only may also submit a visual representation with a written description.
- Poetry must be no longer than 50 lines.
- Other types of entries must be no longer than two pages.

We encourage participation from all schools and can happily accept **up to four entries from each school**. No entries will be accepted directly from individual students or parents/guardians. Teachers/DCs should review all entries to determine which four to submit.

All entries must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 16**.

- Entries for grades K-5 may be submitted electronically by a Reading Specialist or teacher to abrook@bcps.org
- Entries for grades 6-12 may be submitted electronically by a DC or teacher to klochary@bcps.org

Winners will be notified by February 23, 2022. Winning entries will be featured on the BCPS webpage.



BCPS Black History Month Writing Contest 2022

SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

Please select/click one of the following to indicate the genre of your submission:

- personal essay letter speech
 script poem visual representation & written description (primary grades only)

Please review the submission guidelines **BEFORE** submitting your work. By submitting this form, you acknowledge that the work you have submitted is an original work of your creation, that no outside assistance was provided in the completion of the work, and that you have not plagiarized or written a work that is libelous. All works are scrutinized carefully for plagiarism.

Student name:

School:

Current grade level:

Teacher's Name and Content Area:

Your signature below indicates parent/guardian permission for student work to be featured on the BCPS webpage.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature (If signing electronically, select Draw above, choose a pen or draw with touch):

Date: