

National Women's History Month Learning Commons Essay Contest



The National Women's History Month theme for 2025 celebrates “Moving Forward Together: Women Educating & Inspiring Generations”. In honor of National Women’s History month, the Learning Commons is sponsoring an essay contest. We invite students to celebrate women.

Students may choose from one of the following essay questions:

- Think of your favorite television show or movie. How are the female characters different from the male characters? Explain.
- Write a letter to a notable female figure, thanking her for the contributions she has made to women’s rights.

Guidelines

- All participants must be currently enrolled PCC students.
- Only one entry per student.
- Have a strong introduction and conclusion.
- Be clear and creative.
- Free of grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors.
- One-page essay written in paragraph format, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point Aptos, Times New Roman, or Calibri font, and use MLA format to cite sources if needed.
- Solely the work of the student and thoroughly answer the essay question.
- Must include the following information in the top left corner: student’s name, student’s PCC e-mail address, and Person or Caswell County Campus.

Judging

- A panel of five judges will choose the winners.
- Essays are judged on style and content.
- Judges will look for writing that is clear, articulate, logically organized, and answers the question thoroughly.
- The student’s name and other identifying information will be omitted before essays are reviewed. Judges will not see the student’s name.

Prizes

- First prize: \$75 Walmart gift card (First place winner invited to read their essay at PCC's Ladies in Leadership event scheduled for March 18. If the winner is unavailable, Vanessa Bass will read their essay).
- Second prize: \$50 Walmart gift card
- Third prize: \$25 Walmart gift card

Submission and Deadline

- Essays must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 9.
- Submit essays:
 - Via e-mail to learningcommons@piedmontcc.edu (use subject line: WHM Essay Contest). Essays submitted must be in MS Word format and sent as an attachment.

For questions, contact Vanessa Bass, Coordinator, Library Services at vanessa.bass@piedmontcc.edu.