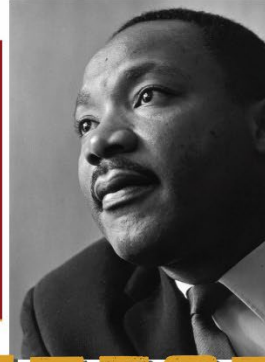


*"It is always the right time  
to do the right thing."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.



# ESSAY CONTEST

Doing the right thing shaped African American history, women's history, and American history. Franklin County Visitors Bureau wants you to answer the question:

## **What is your right thing?**

- Share a personal story.
- Share the influences of family, friends, ancestors, mentors, and heroes.
- Share a piece of history that shapes or shaped your feelings, thoughts, or ideas.

The contest has no age restrictions. You simply need to be able to print, write, type, or dictate to someone able to write, print, or type.

You can begin with your own opening or launch from this prompt:

The/My right thing is...

One essay will be selected as the winning submission in these categories:

♦ **Humanity** ♦ **Education** ♦ **Justice** ♦ **Respect** ♦ **Liberty**

A \$100 top prize will be awarded in each category based on main point, originality, insightfulness, and clarity.

Submissions are due by February 12, 2025. Essays can be submitted via email to: [jpollard@explorefranklincountypa.com](mailto:jpollard@explorefranklincountypa.com), mailed to, or dropped at:

Franklin County Visitors Bureau  
15 South Main Street  
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Winners will be announced during the Tourism Brunch on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

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# ESSAY ENTRY FORM

Individuals or groups--such as classes, congregations and organizations--are invited to participate. Essays/Writings will be judged on message, the ability to make the readers think, and original perspective.

Individual

Group

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If group, please provide name of group contact person. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle or highlight the category in which you wish to submit your essay/writing.

Humanity – Education – Justice – Respect – Liberty

Completing the Age Category is OPTIONAL. If you wish to provide judges with this information, please check the category that best describes you or your group.

Youth Level 1 is Grade 4 or younger

Youth Level 2 is Grades 5-7

Teen Level 1 is Grades 8-9

Teen Level 2 is Grades 10-11

Adult – any age

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please limit essays/writings to 500 words or less. All entries due by February 12, 2025.

This is an original work.

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Signature of Writer or Adult Representative of Group

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Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Individuals Submitting Essay/Writing

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