

*Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee*  
*Citizenship in Action Student Contest*  
*Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Suffrage for Women*

**Contest Themes:**

- Honoring the contributions and achievements of women in U.S. politics and/or in civic life
- The right to vote: past, present and future
- The story of the 19th Amendment/ remembering the sacrifices made on behalf of suffrage
- The importance of responsible and active citizenship/ recognizing the power of one's vote

**Contest Rules:**

- Applicant must be a Massachusetts high school student
- Material must be original work of the applicant
- Submission may be in any of these categories:
  - A 400-600 word **essay** submitted electronically; or
  - A **digital video** no more than 3 minutes in length submitted via a link to YouTube; or
  - A **poster** no larger than 22" x 28" in dimension submitted electronically via Flickr
- Applicants may submit one entry per media category - essay, video and/or poster
- Applicants must provide registration form with original parent/guardian signature
- Submissions will be judged by the following criteria: (1) clarity, persuasiveness and/or significance of communicating topic or theme, (2) creative use of chosen media, (3) presentation, and (4) originality of ideas

**Prizes to be Awarded – in Essay, Digital Video and Poster categories:**

- Three **\$200 U.S. Savings Bonds** – awarded for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place entries in each category
- Three **\$100 U.S. Savings Bonds** - awarded for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place entries in each category
- Three **\$50 U.S. Savings Bonds** - awarded for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries in each category

**Directions for How to Apply:**

- **Essays** should be sent via email to [agoweb@state.ma.us](mailto:agoweb@state.ma.us) no later than December 10, 2010. Please include applicant's contact information (name, address, and phone number) in the email and note "Essay Contest" in the subject line. In addition, the essay should be printed out and mailed, along with a completed registration form (postmarked no later than December 10, 2010) to the address listed on the form.
- **Digital videos** should be posted on YouTube by the applicant and then the link to the video and the applicant's contact information (name, address, and phone number) should be emailed (note "Video Contest" in the subject line) to [agoweb@state.ma.us](mailto:agoweb@state.ma.us) no later than December 10, 2010. In addition, the contest registration form must be completed and mailed (postmarked no later than December 10, 2010), to the address listed on the form. *Note: a selection of finalists in the video category may be asked to provide a copy of their video in CD/DVD format to the address listed on the form.*
- A digital photo of the **poster** should be posted on Flickr by the applicant and then a link to the photo should be sent via email (note "Poster Contest" in the subject line) to [agoweb@state.ma.us](mailto:agoweb@state.ma.us) no later than December 10, 2010. The email must also include the applicant's contact information: name, address, and phone number. In addition, the contest registration form must be completed and mailed (postmarked no later than December 10, 2010), to the address listed on the form. *Note: a selection of finalists in the poster category may be asked to mail in their poster to the address listed on the form.*

## Citizenship in Action Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Submission

☐ Poster

☐ Essay

☐ Digital Video

*I understand that by submitting to this contest, I am authorizing the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee to use my submission at their discretion, including, but not limited to, posting on websites, including in printed materials, and/or displaying at various public events. I certify that the work submitted is my own and any other sources in this work are properly noted and cited. I acknowledge that I have read the rules and I am eligible to participate in this contest and I understand that the decision of the selection committee is final.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Authorization of Parent or Guardian (required for all applicants under age 18)

*I \_\_\_\_\_ authorize my child \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in this contest. I verify that the information provided above accurately represents my child. I understand that, if selected as a finalist, submission of this form authorizes the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee to use my child's name and submission at their discretion, including, but not limited to, for web posting, inclusion in printed material, and for display at various public events.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail (postmarked no later than December 10, 2010) to:

Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley  
Attn: Community Information & Education Division  
Citizenship in Action Contest  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston MA 02108

**Questions:** Please email all questions to [Agoweb@state.ma.us](mailto:Agoweb@state.ma.us) by December 8, 2010 with "contest" in the subject line.

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