

TIMELINE

December 2016: Contest announced and teachers introduce projects

December – January: Students conduct interviews and research if necessary

End of January: Students edit and write essays

February 16, 2017: Deadline to submit essay.

End of February: Winners notified and invited to celebration

March 16: Winner Photo Shoot, at Brigham Community Center. Photos used in celebration presentation and contest promotion. Photos of winners and “Real Women” may be emailed to mary@mvsoffice.com

March 29th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Awards Celebration, Berkshire Community College
Winning students, families, teachers and friends are welcome!

SPONSORING BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- a. von schlegell & co
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- Berkshire Community College
- Berkshire Festival of Women Writers
- League of Women Voters, Williamstown
- My Versatile Secretary
- Zonta Club of Berkshire County

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For additional information, to make a gift, volunteer or to email your submission contact:

Sarah Gillooly, Chair

Real Women Essay Contest

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Celebrating the 31st Annual “Real Women” Essay Contest



Tricia Farley-Bouvier
Politician

Marie Fields
Brigadier General

Susan B. Anthony
Women's Rights Advocate



Eleanor Persip
Teacher and
Community Volunteer

Jane Fitzpatrick
Entrepreneur and
Philanthropist

Stephanie Wilson
Astronaut



Lilliana Bermudez
Co-Founder, Festival
Latino of the Berkshires

Merle Ferber
Disability Rights
Advocate

Riccio-Major
Professional Boxer

**A Creative Writing Competition Open to All
Berkshire County Students K – 12**

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Awareness of the woman as a person in society and as a role model
- Effective use of descriptive language
- Correct punctuation, spelling, grammar, and neatness
- There are thirteen grade categories for judging. Some grades may be combined depending on the number of submissions
- *Judges are members of the private and business community*

FORMAT

- Essay, Poetry, or Scripted Conversation, First Person Monologue, or Journal
- Five hundred (500) words or less
- Maximum length of two single-sided sheets of paper
- May be accompanied by artwork or photos
- Kindergarten description may be printed by an adult as told by the student
- **Student name must appear on completed entry form only, not on essay or original work**
- Must be typed (except for grades K-3)
- **Entry form must be attached to essay with a paperclip. Please, DO NOT STAPLE, TAPE OR GLUE ANYTHING TO ORIGINAL ESSAY**
- 8 ½ x 11 paper only

SUBMISSION

- Teachers must select and submit essays
- Maximum two essays per classroom/section
- Must be accompanied by a completed entry form
- Entries due no later than 2/16/2017
- Put names on entry form not essay
- All non-winning essays will be returned
- Entries may be submitted to Sarah Gillooly (*contact info below*) via postal mail, hand delivery, or as an email attachment

AWARDS

- All entries will receive a special certificate
- Awards are given to all Kindergarteners; 1st Place, 2nd Place and Honorable Mention for students 1st – 12th Grades
- All winners will receive a ribbon, certificate, and a writing or literary inspired gift.

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We all have “Real Women” in our lives that we respect and admire.

This is a great opportunity to share this person’s life with your community. She may be a person who is or has been an inspiration to you in some way. She may be someone whom you already know or would like to know and learn more about.

Here are examples:

Historical Women

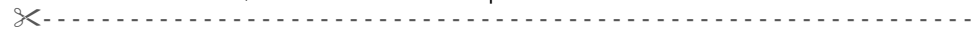
Locally or nationally recognized like Susan B. Anthony, Sally Ride, Harriet Tubman, and Edith Wharton

Role Model/Mentor

Family members, friends, teachers, neighbors, and acquaintances

Students may interview these women or conduct research. For additional information and lesson plan suggestions check out our website. <http://brighamcenter.org/realwomen.html>

All entries should be the students’ own work. These projects may relate to units in history, language arts, visual arts, units teaching about values, and career development.



Student’s Name

Home Address

Phone Email

School Name

Teacher’s Name

Teacher’s Email

Grade & Section

Name of “Real Woman”

This Entry Form MAY be Duplicated. Please DO NOT Staple this form