



Prairie Village's 3rd Annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration Essay Contest for Middle School and High School Students

**Calling all middle and high school students in
Prairie Village and the KC Metro area!**

We invite you to participate in our Juneteenth Freedom Celebration & Essay Contest: “What Juneteenth Freedom Means to Me.” Your essay can include any racial injustices you feel that are going on in our society today. This contest is sponsored by the Prairie Village campaign to better know and welcome our neighbors.

This essay contest will give you an opportunity to celebrate Juneteenth holiday in our city by creating an essay to be emailed by June 10, 2023 and then come out to celebrate together in Prairie Village with free, family fun activities on Saturday, June 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Harmon Park.

Gift card prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25 for the top 3 essays in each age group: 13 to 15 and 16 to 18 for a total of 6 winners! All student winning essays will be on public display at the celebration. The top two winners will have their essay read during the celebration.

Here’s how to enter:

1. Register by sending an email to: standupblacklives@gmail.com with student name, age, and school and/or church name.
2. Create a 300-word essay with the theme: “What Juneteenth Freedom Means to Me” (this can include any racial injustices you feel that are happening in today’s society.)
3. Essay submissions are due by June 10, 2023 by emailing: standupblacklives@gmail.com with student name, age, and school and/or church name.

The Juneteenth Freedom Celebration will take place in Prairie Village on Saturday, June 17th at Harmon Park at 7727 Delmar Street from 4 to 7 p.m. The family celebration will feature live music from Kansas City’s own Funk Syndicate, a poster and essay contest ceremony, Black-owned vendors, inflatables, coloring sheets, crafts, face painting, balloon and glitter tattoo artist.