



NHMBC Youth Department Pre-K-12th Grade Black History Contest

ENTRY DEADLINE Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Award Recognition Sunday, February 22, 2026

Award Categories

High School ~ 1 winner \$100.00

Middle School ~ 6th-8th ~ 1 winner \$75.00

Upper Elementary ~ 3rd-5th ~ 1 winner \$50.00

Lower Elementary ~ Pre-k- 2nd ~ 1 winner \$25.00

How To Enter:

High School:

“If Black History Had Social Media”

Create a mock Instagram or Facebook post as if it existed during a moment in Black history *or* for a Black historical figure.

- Focus may include activism, innovation, culture, education, or everyday life
- Visuals may be real images, original drawings, screenshots, or digital designs
- Creativity is encouraged

Requirements:

- 2–4 total posts (each post = one image or slide with short caption)
- A summary (minimum 500 words) explaining:
 - The historical context
 - The message being communicated
 - Why this moment or figure still matters today

Middle School:

“Group Chat With History”

Create a mock group chat conversation between Black historical figures *or* between students and a Black historical figure.

- Chats may be handwritten or digital
- Messages should include historical facts, personality, and appropriate humor
- Creativity is encouraged

Requirements:

- Minimum 10–15 messages
- One written explanation (minimum 500 words) explaining:
 - Who is in the chat
 - The historical moment or topic being represented

**Elementary
School:**

“Build It!”

Build something inspired by a Black inventor or leader.

- May use items such as LEGOS, blocks, cardboard, or recycled materials, etc.
- Creation should be labeled with the inventor's name or idea
- Creativity is encouraged

Requirements:

- Student shares two paragraphs (spoken or written) explaining:
 - What they built
 - Who or what inspired it

OR

“Story Time With Black History”

Create a superhero-style story based on a real Black historical figure.

Your story should turn the historical figure into a superhero while including real facts about their life or accomplishments.

Entry Options:

- Write a short story
- OR create a picture book with dialogue or text (3–4 pages)

Requirements:

- Must be based on a real Black historical figure
- Minimum 300 words if submitting a short story
- Include a minimum of 4 real facts about the person if submitting a picture book
- Pictures are encouraged

Submit entries to - youth@newhope-mbc.org

