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**2023 JUDGE LISA WHITE HARDWICK ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP
COMPETITION:**

The Jackson County Bar Association invites high school juniors and seniors to submit an essay. The essays should be no longer than 1000 words. The type font must be Arial, 12 point, double-spaced. The margins must be 1" and text must be fully justified. The essay MUST be accompanied by a Contestant Cover Sheet Form. The essay may be submitted as an attachment in Word format via e-mail to allison.williamson1980@gmail.com. The essay should address the following question:

Slavery enriched White slave owners and their descendants, and it fueled the country's economy while suppressing wealth building for the enslaved. The United States has yet to compensate descendants of enslaved Black Americans for their labor.

Many believe that reparations should be paid to American descendants of slavery to aid in correcting this injustice and to reduce disparities that remain pervasive in society.

If Dr. King were alive today, how would he suggest reparations be issued? How would Dr. King suggest reparations be financed and on what level?

Participants will be competing for cash awards at the local, regional, and national levels. The deadline for essay submission is March 25, 2023. Finalists will compete in the oral advocacy competition to be held on April 1, 2023. The competition will be held virtually this year. Questions and essay submissions can be sent to Allison Williamson at allison.williamson1980@gmail.com

To assist you in your research of the Competition Question, please read the materials below. These materials will help you understand the legal, political, and public policy issues and relevant cases. These materials are the starting point for your research. In order to fully formulate your position, you may need to find other cases, articles, or sources of information.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/40?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Rep+Jackson+Lee+Sheila+TX18%22%2C%22Rep+Jackson+Lee+Sheila+TX18%22%5D%7D>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9N-m9RcZGkc>

https://www.adl.org/education/educator-resources/lesson-plans/what-are-reparations-and-should-we-enact-them?gclid=Cj0KCCQiAvracBhDoARIsACGFcS5gSvNb3GbL-AC6dE2EuSE1CwC4LGSppDf1f3fvSLRMzJIF3PVF2EaAqZqEALw_wcB

<https://calmatters.org/california-divide/2022/06/reparations-california-task-force/>



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OFFICIAL CONTESTANT'S COVER SHEET, APPLICATION FORM, AND PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

NOTE: All three forms must be included with your essay.

Contestant Cover Sheet

Applicant's Background Information Please type or print

	Date:	
		Submit Photo and Essay with your Application

Student's Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email _____

Student's High School: _____

Grade Level: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

High School Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School Phone: () _____

Application

Please answer the below listed questions. A parent or legal guardian must sign your application. If a parent or legal guardian does not sign your application, and time permits, your application will be returned for you to complete. In the event time does not permit the return of an incomplete application, such application may not be considered. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

1.	List academic honors received.
2.	Briefly describe extracurricular activities (school clubs, volunteer organizations, not-for-profit organizations, etc.) you are involved in.
3.	For Seniors: List two-year/four-year College or University you plan to attend. Please include an acceptance letter to this form.

*****NOTE:** Attach your written essay on the official topic selected by the National Bar Association to your Application. The essay must not exceed 1,000 words.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Photography Release Waiver and Release of Liability

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I have read and understand this release and waiver of liability, and voluntarily accept and agree to its terms.

Name of Parent or Guardian/Competitor (if over 18)

Signature of Parent or Guardian/Competitor (if over 18)

Date