

# **the Black Family Technology**

**Awareness Association  
of Kansas City**

## **High School Essay Contest**

Students, Teachers, Counselors and Parents

We are inviting ninth through twelfth grade students of all backgrounds to participate in the 2017 Black Family Technology Awareness Association (BFTAA) of Kansas City High School Essay Contest.

**Gift cards provided by Arvest Bank will be awarded**

**First Place - \$150.00**

**Second Place - \$100.00**

**Third Place - \$50.00**

**Two Honorable Mentions - \$25.00 each**

The assignment is to write a thoughtful, well-developed essay on the following topic:

**Discuss at least 3 ways you can use STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to be a positive disrupter to further advance the current climate of social change\* in areas such as digital inclusion, digital equity, innovation and/or diversity & inclusion.**

**\*social change – Black Lives Matter, the recent presidential election, entrepreneurship & minorities, girls/women in STEM, etc.**

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## **Judging**

Essays will be judged on creativity, critical thinking and quality of writing, both with regard to content and form.

## **Rules**

- Entrant must be in high school (Grades 9-12)
- Essay must include a cover sheet with entrants name, phone number, alternate contact number and email address; the name and address of your high school; current grade level and the year you will graduate from high school.
- Essay must be no fewer than 500 and no more than 1,000 words in length, typewritten, double-space using Times New Roman font.
- Essay must be solely the work of the entrant.
- Essay must be emailed to the following email address:  
[kc-techfair@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kc-techfair@sbcglobal.net)
- Essay should be received by midnight on February 17, 2017
- Decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries become the property of Black Family Technology Awareness Association of Kansas City and will NOT be returned.
- Finalist will be notified no later than February 22, 2017 via telephone and/or email.

The winners will be announced on Saturday, February 25, 2017 during the Black Family Technology Awareness Association Youth Technology Fair that will be held at the Southeast Community Center located in Swope Park, 4201 E 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Email Questions to: [bftaa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bftaa@sbcglobal.net) or call 816-781-4050

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