FLORIDA

2026

WOMEN'S HISTORY

VIDEO CONTEST

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YEARS of FREEDOM

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
DECEMBER 1, 2026

For Florida students in grades 9 - 12

PRESENTED BY THE
FLORIDA COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN

FLORIDA WOMEN'S HISTORY VIDEO CONTEST

PURPOSE

To commemorate and honor women's history and members of the Florida Women's Hall of Fame

Sponsored by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, the Florida Women's History video contest serves to celebrate women's history and to increase awareness of the contributions made by Florida women, past and present. Celebrating women's history presents the opportunity to honor and recount stories of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments and inspire today's generations. Learning about our past allows us to build a future.

THEME

250 Years of American Impact: Florida Women Who Shaped America

For 250 years, women have helped shape the story of America through courage, leadership, innovation, and service. Florida women have made lasting contributions in fields such as science, education, medicine, business, government, the military, sports, the arts, and community service. Their achievements have strengthened our state, inspired future generations, and helped shape the nation we know today.

To celebrate America's 250th Anniversary, the Florida Commission on the Status of Women invites high school students to create a 30-second public service announcement highlighting the theme "250 Years of American Impact: Florida Women Who Shaped America."

Students are encouraged to showcase the accomplishments of a Florida woman whose contributions have made a meaningful impact on her community, our state, or the nation. The winning videos, along with selected entries, may be featured by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women as part of its America 250 celebration, honoring the extraordinary women whose leadership and achievements continue to inspire future generations.

For additional information visit fcsw.net/contests

GENERAL RULES

For complete Official Rules, including eligibility, liability, and ownership, visit fcsw.net/contests

- Videos must be received by 5:00 pm on December 1, 2026. It is the desire of the Commission for all Florida High School students to have the opportunity to participate, both boys and girls. Winners will be announced in March 2027.
- Each contestant must be a legal resident of Florida at the time of submission. All Florida students in grades 9 through 12 (public, private, and home-schooled) are eligible.
- Awards will be made in first and second places.
- Videos should be at least 30 seconds and no more than 60 seconds. Maximum video size is 300 MB. Videos may be animated or live action, created via video camera, cell phone, tablet, or computer.
- Videos submitted must reflect the student's own original ideas. The use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) or other automated content generation tools to create any portion of a video is prohibited. Submitting AI-generated content as original work will result in disqualification.
- Videos should be uploaded to YouTube, and the link included on the Entry Form (p. 4)
- Submissions must include completed official Entry Form, Parent/Guardian Release Statement, and Actor Release Statement (if applicable).
- Entry Forms, including link to video, may be submitted via e-mail to video@fcsw.net (use subject line: FCSW Video Contest.) Submissions received via email will be confirmed by email within two business days. If a receipt is not received, please call 850-414-3531. Entry forms may also be mailed to:

  Florida Commission on the Status of Women Video Contest
  107 West Gaines Street
  Tallahassee, FL 32301
- All entries are the property of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. The decision of the judges and the Commission is final.

AWARDS & CRITERIA

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Awards will be given to the first and second place winner. First place: $250; second place: $100. Winning videos will be published on the FCSW website as well as otherwise published, displayed, reproduced, or replicated by the Commission.

Criteria for Judging Essays

- The theme must be clearly addressed.
- Responses should be creative.
- The judging committee will evaluate the entries on a scale of 1 to 10 for each of the following criteria:
  - Clear and compelling message
  - Memorable content and delivery
  - Originality

ENTRY

Student Name:			
Title of Entry:			**Grade:**
Home Mailing Address:			**Age:**
City:	**State:** Florida	**Zip Code:**	
Home Phone Number: *(including area code)*			
Parent/Legal Guardian Name:			
Parent/Legal Guardian Cell Phone Number: *(including area code)*	**Parent/Legal Guardian E-Mail Address:**		
School Name:			**County:**
School Mailing Address:			
City:	**State:** Florida	**Zip Code:**	
School Phone Number: *(including area code)*			
Teacher Name:	**Teacher E-Mail Address:**		

Release Statement

As parent/legal guardian, I acknowledge that my child created the submitted video and has followed all contest guidelines and rules. Should he or she win the video contest, I agree to allow the submitted video to be distributed publicly. I also understand that if it is discovered my child's video is not original or fails to comply with all contest rules and submission guidelines, the video will be subject to automatic disqualification.

I, _____ (print name), am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above and having read this release and approve of its terms, hereby certify the following:

1. I am the parent/legal guardian of _____
2. My child is a legal resident of Florida and is currently enrolled in grades 9-12.
3. I give permission for my child to enter his/her video in the 2026 Women's History Video Contest.
4. I have read the official rules of this contest, and I further certify my child has followed these rules and is eligible to participate in this contest.
5. I give the Florida Commission on the Status of Women permission to use, reproduce, reprint, transmit, post, distribute, adapt, alter, edit, and/or display the submitted video.
6. I give the Florida Commission on the Status of Women permission to use my child's submission and/or my child's name, photograph, voice, video image, biographical information, and his/her video for promotional purposes including but not limited to, print, radio, television, and Internet promotion, without compensation or prior notice.

I hereby release the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, as well as their employees, commissioners, officers, successors, assigns, licensees, and legal representatives, from any and all liability associated with my and my child's participation in this activity, and I agree not to assert any claim of any nature whatsoever against anyone relating to this activity.

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

Actor Release Statement

I, _____ (print name of actor), hereby grant permission to photograph me and to record my voice, performances, poses, actions, plays and appearances, and use my picture, photograph, silhouette and other reproductions of my physical likeness in connection with the student public service announcement submitted to The Florida Commission on the Status of Women. Further, I grant to the Commission the perpetual right to use all still and motion pictures, sound track recording and records taken of myself or my voice, and any recordings or other sound effects produced by me and the right to use my name or likeness in connection with exhibiting, advertising, publicizing, and reproduction of the video

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Actor Signature (Parent signature if actor is a minor) Date

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