



The Brookline Commission for Women

Presents the

21st Annual Essay Contest

“A WOMAN WHO INSPIRES ME”

In celebration of National Women’s History Month, the Brookline Commission for Women is sponsoring the 21st annual essay contest to honor the women who inspire us most. To participate in the contest, we would like to hear about a woman who is important to you and why she is so special. Talk with her, get to know her better, learn about her life and share with us why she inspires you. Remember, seemingly "ordinary" women have done extraordinary things! This person can be your doctor, babysitter, neighbor, friend, mother, teacher, etc.

When writing your essay, please follow the rules listed below:

Grades: To be eligible, you must be in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade and attend one of the Brookline public or private schools.

The Essay:

- 1) Your essay should be 300-400 words or less.
- 2) Your essay can be typed or hand written and should use correct grammar, punctuation and spelling.
- 3) Remember to include the name of your inspiring woman in your essay.
- 4) Your subject **must** be someone you know personally and is currently living.

Deadline: The deadline for submission is **Thursday, February 14, 2013**. Be sure to attach an entry form to your essay. Essays will be picked up from the Principal’s Offices at the Brookline Public Schools on Friday, February 15th or can be mailed to the BCW at 350 Washington Street, Brookline, MA 02445 (must be received by the 15th).

Awards: An awards ceremony is planned for Marh 18th where winning essays will be acknowledged and read out loud by the author. The women who inspired the essays, along with the authors’ families will be invited to attend. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade. The Brookline Woman of the Year will also be honored at the ceremony. The ceremony will be at 6pm in Hunneman Hall at the Brookline Public Library.

Contact: Please email any questions to the Brookline Commission for Women at BCW@brooklinema.gov or call BCW Co-Chair Casey Hatchett, at 617-730-2734.

GOOD LUCK FROM THE COMMISSION!

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