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**THE 30th ANNUAL "CHAMPIONS OF COURAGE" BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY  
COMPETITION NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES**

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Entries are open for the 30th Annual "Champions of Courage" Black History Month Essay Competition, presented by FOX 45, The CW Baltimore, and MyTV Baltimore. The competition is open to all Maryland students grades 6 through 12.

"Champions of Courage" is a showcase for students to salute their personal heroes or mentors..... positive role models who have demonstrated the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and have inspired them to dream and achieve.

Students can enter by writing a brief essay saluting their "Champion of Courage". Twenty (20) essays will be selected and student winners *will present their essays on FOX 45, The CW Baltimore, and MyTV Baltimore during January and February 2017 and will receive a \$100 prize at an Awards Reception to be held in late January. The three top finalists will be awarded additional prizes and their schools will receive cash awards in their honor.*

**The deadline for entries is Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** Competition rules and guidelines follow.

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**30th ANNUAL  
"CHAMPIONS OF COURAGE"  
Black History Month Essay Competition**



**THEME: 'CHAMPIONS OF COURAGE' .....**

*Salute a positive role model who has touched your life by sharing the teachings  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**COMPETITION RULES**

The competition is open to all students grades 6 through 12.

Essays must salute a real person not a fictional character.

Essays must be read aloud within twenty-five (25) seconds. As a guideline, the essay should be 65 to 80 words.

Essays must be legible.

The student's name, home address, telephone number, school, grade, and teacher's name must appear on the entry.

One entry per student.

Essays will be judged on language art skills and execution of the competition theme.

Essays become the property of WBFF-TV FOX 45.

The judges' decision is final.

**Deadline: FOX 45 must receive all entries by Friday, December 9, 2016**

Mail entries to:  
"Champions of Courage"  
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**Note to teachers:** If you are submitting entries for your class, please mail /email all essays together. Please be sure to include your email address so we may be able to notify you directly if your students are any of our 20 finalists! Essays may also be emailed to [swylie@sbgvtv.com](mailto:swylie@sbgvtv.com) or faxed to 410-662-0816...attn: Sharon Wylie