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**League of Women Voters Sponsors Annual Essay Contest for Teens**

Lexington: The League of Women Voters of Lexington has invited all Fayette County 9th-12th grade social studies/history teachers to encourage their students to participate in the League’s annual Jay Ogden Essay Contest. Invitations went to public and private schools, as well as to homeschooling associations.

This year’s prompt encourages students to develop their understanding of why U.S. eligible young voters (ages 18-29) have lower voting rates than older voters. Participation in the contest requires research as well as discussion of the issue with peers. The goal is to help prepare our students to be informed citizens who understand the value of voter participation.

Winning students receive $250 for 1st place, $150 for 2nd place, $100 for 3rd place, and $100 for ESL writing special recognition. As well, a small honorarium is awarded to the teacher/sponsor of each winning writer. Essays are due by December 6, 2019, with awards presented in February, 2020. Should you have any questions about the contest, please email Theresa McCarty at lwvlexessay@gmail.com.

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