



RIVERSIDE
School of Education

ESSAY CONTEST

OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE INLAND EMPIRE



1st Place \$200 PRIZE MONEY
2nd Place \$75 PRIZE MONEY
3rd Place \$50 PRIZE MONEY

All winners and their families are invited to visit UCR and have lunch with the UCR School of Education dean.

Due 4/4/25; 250 - 350 words; 12 pt. type

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[HTTPS://EDUCATION.UCR.EDU/MIDDLE-SCHOOL-ESSAY-CONTEST](https://education.ucr.edu/middle-school-essay-contest)



REFLECT ON THIS QUOTE

“Don't follow the path. Go where there is no path and begin the trail. When you start a new trail equipped with courage, strength and conviction, the only thing that can stop you is you!”

- Ruby Bridges

ESSAY PROMPT

What challenges have you faced outside of the classroom, and how have you persevered through them in order to succeed inside the classroom?

Compare your story to Ruby's. How are your challenges and efforts similar to or different from hers?



FINAL ESSAYS ARE DUE ON
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025