



ANNOUNCEMENT

YVOTE CONTEST for SARASOTA'S PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Education Action Team of the League of Women Voters of Sarasota (LWVSRQ), in partnership with Sarasota County Public Schools, is sponsoring an essay, poster, and video contest, "YVOTE", for high school students who will share their thoughts on the importance of voting. All students in Sarasota County's district public high schools and public charters are eligible to enter, regardless of whether they are yet able to register to vote. Students will work independently on their entries, and the contest is not part of classroom activities or assignments.

The Lead Author of the winning essay, Lead Artist of the winning poster, and the Lead Videographer of the winning video will each receive a prize of \$500; second place winners in each category will receive \$300; 3rd place winners in each category will receive \$200. Any monetary prizes will be awarded to the Project Leader only. The Project Leader should decide with the other Contributors the most equitable way to divide the prize.

The deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m., **October 8, 2022**. Winners will be announced on **November 1, 2022**, on social media and elsewhere.

Essay submissions should be no longer than 500 words. Video entries must be at least 30 seconds and cannot exceed 90 seconds. Posters need to be 24"x36". We are looking for creative, effective, and inspirational entries that capture issues and personal experiences. Entries should be a call to action, describing the importance of using our votes to influence the direction of our democracy. They may not include endorsements or criticisms of individual candidates or of political parties. Use of material that is copyrighted or branded is prohibited.

A request for an application to enter the contest should be sent with the subject heading: **YVOTE CONTEST APPLICATION and RULES** to education@lwvsrq.org. Additional contest details will also be provided.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, non-profit organization with a history of promoting informed voter participation and enhanced citizen engagement. With these goals in mind, LWVSRQ league members have been active for many years, conducting voter registration drives and providing voter education opportunities. Our focus on Sarasota's high schools and newly eligible voters inspires the "YVOTE" contest. We hope this contest allows us to carry that message and enthusiasm to an even wider audience.



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