

# EQUAL PAY DAY CHICAGO

## 2020 Student Writing Contest

### ELIGIBILITY

Any high school student in the Chicagoland area is eligible to participate.

### PRIZE

First prize is \$400 and the second prize is \$150. Winners will be recognized on social media and on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ENTRY

Write a “news article” about an aspect of the pay disparity among workers in America. The article should cite at least one statistic, reference a law or proposed law and include a quote. The student reporter can quote family, teachers or community members about their personal experiences with pay discrimination. Entries should be between 450 and 750 words.

All entries must be submitted via email to [info@equalpaydaychi.org](mailto:info@equalpaydaychi.org) before **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Entries should be submitted as a PDF. At the end of the entry and on a separate page, please list the following information:

- Student’s name, age, grade and contact information (both phone and email)
- School, sponsoring teacher’s name and contact information (both phone and email)
- Parent/guardian’s name and contact information (both phone and email)

The winner must be available to read a portion of their article on stage during the Equal Pay Day event in Daley Plaza (Clark and Washington in the Loop) on March 31, 2020 between noon and 1p.m. Entry grants Equal Pay Day Chicago the right to edit, publish, copy or display the entry, with attribution.

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Each year, Equal Pay Day is recognized world-wide to bring greater awareness to the wage gap experienced by women and minorities. In the US, the April date symbolically marks how far into a new year the average woman must work to earn as much as a white man did in the previous year. In its seventh year, **Equal Pay Day Chicago** is both a focal point to raise awareness, and a platform for organizations to collaborate. Equal Pay Day Chicago is a coalition of governmental bodies, nonprofits and other groups and individuals fighting together to achieve equal pay for equal work.

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