

## EQUAL PAY DAY CHICAGO

### 2019 Student Journalism Contest

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.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Any junior high or high school student currently attending school in the Chicagoland area is eligible to participate. Two winners will be selected, and announced publicly during the Equal Pay Day program at the Daley Plaza on Thursday, March 28, 2019, starting at noon.

#### **ENTRY**

Write an article about an aspect of the pay disparity among workers in America. The article should be between 450 and 750 words. The article should include at least one quote from a source discussing the issue of equal pay. The student reporter can interview family, teachers or community members about their personal experiences with pay discrimination..

All entries must be submitted via email to [info@equalpaydaychi.org](mailto:info@equalpaydaychi.org) by **Friday, March 8th**. Entries should be submitted as a PDF document. On a separate page at the end of the article, 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)

Entrants should be available to read a portion of their article on stage during the Equal Pay Day event on March 28th. Entry grants Equal Pay Day Chicago the right to edit, publish, copy or display the entry, with attribution.

#### **PRIZE**

First prize is \$300 and the second prize is \$50. The winning students will be recognized at event and on social media.

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