

EQUAL JUSTICE RACE INITIATIVE ESSAY CONTEST

The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) has returned to Shelby County to offer another essay contest with **\$5,000 worth of scholarships**. To commemorate the renovation of Perry Sampson Park in Center, EJI is partnering with the Shelby County Peace and Justice Coalition to bring a scholarship opportunity to students in **grades 9-12** in Shelby County.

Students are asked to examine the history of a racial injustice topic and to discuss its legacy today. Essays should explain the chosen topic using a specific historical event(s), explore how the injustice persists, and imagine solutions for a future free from racial injustice. Students are encouraged to reflect on how the topic impacts their own lives and communities.

FREE WORKSHOPS

Students from all Shelby County high schools are invited to attend

PART ONE:

When: Saturday, October 23, 2021, 9-11:00 a.m.

Where: Center High School Library

Hosted by: former EJI scholarship winner, Mark Perkins

Workshop will cover: topic selection, research tips

PART TWO:

A second workshop will be held in November to help with essay mechanics and editing. Event date TBD.

