



## Calling All Tennessee Teachers & Students

### **Battle for the Ballot Statewide K-12 Student Competition!**

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment and Tennessee's important role in helping women gain the right to vote! How can you and your students get involved? The Official Committee of the State of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial and the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee State Library and Archives, the Tennessee State Museum, and the Tennessee Secretary of State's office are sponsoring a statewide competition for grades K-12 to help students engage and reflect upon this momentous commemorative event. It is the goal of this committee to have as many students and teachers learn about women's suffrage and Tennessee's unique role in the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment.

This isn't your ordinary essay contest. The *Battle for the Ballot* competition is built around the inquiry-process of project-based learning and is designed to hit grade-specific standards through a multi-disciplinary approach. It has something for every grade level. While analyzing the historical issues of the women's suffrage movement, it is an opportunity for students to use their creativity, develop their communication skills, and win some really cool prizes.

There are competitions for grade bands K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and two competitions at the 9-12 level. Prizes for K-5 include an Apple iPad WiFi 32 GB for the top 3 winners in each category and the 6-12 grand prize winners will receive scholarship money in a [TNSTARS 529 account](#). Scholarship monies have been donated by the following: the University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, East Tennessee State University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, University of Tennessee at Martin, Tennessee Tech University, the Secretary of State's office, Middle Tennessee State University, Austin Peay State University, and the family of Randy Boyd. All winners will receive an invitation to be VIP participants in a centennial celebration in Nashville. Sponsoring teachers of student winners will receive a teacher gift card, as well as an invitation to accompany their winning student(s) to Nashville. Click on the links below for contest rules and prompts.

Grade Band	Project Topic	Teacher Packets (with instructions)
K-2	Banner and slogan	<a href="#">Teacher Packet</a>
3-5	Poetry	<a href="#">Teacher Packet</a>
6-8	Public Service Announcement	<a href="#">Teacher Packet</a>
9-12	Documentary	<a href="#">Teacher Packet</a>
9-12	Speech	<a href="#">Teacher Packet</a>

We invite you to join Tennessee classrooms across the state to ponder, reflect, and learn about this once in a generation commemorative event. Email all inquiries to [education@tnwoman100.com](mailto:education@tnwoman100.com). For additional information, curriculum resources, teacher workshops, and events check out <https://tnwoman100.com/> throughout the year!