



“REFLECTIONS BY YOUTH” CONTESTS

Highlighting USPS Stamps Honoring People of Color

The Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER) is sponsoring two contests. Our contests are designed to foster in youth the awareness of U.S. stamps that have been issued in honor of People of Color and events related to the African Diaspora.

1 ~ is the Eugene Robinson Cachet Contest

Eugene Robinson was a pioneering member of ESPER, who was known in the philatelic community for his cachets.



A cachet is an artistic presentation on a cover (envelope). The cachet depicts an event in history or a person who is honored on a stamp. The cachet can also show events related to the person honored on the stamp.

The following are the criteria for the cachet contest:

- Your cachet **MUST** be on an envelope that is **stamped and has a cancellation.**
- Your cachet can be hand drawn, or computer generated. If hand drawn, any medium can be used – pencil, paint, watercolor, etc.

#2 ~ is an Essay Contest - “Stamped in My Memory”

Write an essay about any Person of Color or an event related to the African Diaspora. Connect your subject to a stamp issued by the United States Postal Service. Name the stamp and the year it was issued. Criteria - A maximum of 250 words. Entry can be submitted by email to - churchlady0218@gmail.com.

To enter the either contest:

- Select a category –
 - Category I – contestants 5 – 12 years of age
 - Category II – contestants 13 – 17 years of age
- Complete the application and submit it with your entry.
- The signature of a parent or guardian is required on all entries.
- Entries must be mailed to the address below and postmarked no later than **September 30, 2023**

Winners will be selected in October at ESPER’s 35th Anniversary in St. Louis and published in the January, 2024 issue of ESPER’S newsletter, *Reflections*.

Mail entries to: ESPER Contest
 Betty Lewis
 11616 S. May St.
 Chicago, IL 60643-5133

Essays only can be emailed to: churchlady0218@gmail.com

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Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections "REFLECTIONS BY YOUTH" CONTEST APPLICATION

Complete and return with entry

by mail to Betty Lewis, 11616 S. May St., Chicago, IL 60643-5133
by email (essay only) churchlady0218@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City / State / Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Birth Date of Contestant ____/____/____

Email _____

Attends (School Name & Address) _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____

Contest Selected (Choose only one):

Entry Category: (check the box) - Category #1 (ages 5 - 12) Category #2 (ages 13-17)

#1 ~ Eugene Robinson Cachet Contest

Subject of Cachet _____

#2 ~ "Stamped in My Memory"

Name of Stamp _____

Date Stamp was issued _____

For Official Use Only

Postmark Date _____ Requested criteria met: yes no Entry # _____

Disposition _____

Recorded by _____

Date _____

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