



# 2021 BLACK HISTORY MONTH WRITING CONTEST

**OPEN:** February 1 - March 1, 2021 to:

Ages 5 - 9: Drawing with Caption

Grades 4 - 5: 400 word maximum

Grades 6 - 8: 500 word maximum

Grades 9 - 12: 700 word maximum

**DUE:** Monday March 1, 2021. Email completed essays or drawings to [education@patriots.com](mailto:education@patriots.com)

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED:** Friday March 19th, 2021 via [www.PatriotsHallofFame.com](http://www.PatriotsHallofFame.com) and social media

**RULES:** Bibliography and title do not count toward word totals. Include your full name, mailing address, school name, grade level, phone number and email address. If you are under 18 please provide your parent or guardian's phone number and email address. Contest rule are available at [www.PatriotsHallofFame.com](http://www.PatriotsHallofFame.com)

**ESSAY:** In June 2020, the Kraft family announced the creation of the Kraft Family/Patriots Player Collaborative Fund, which distributes \$100,000 per month for 10 months to local organizations fighting for equity, working to end systemic racism and creating meaningful change in the community. The recipients are chosen by the Kraft family in collaboration with Patriots players.

Similarly, beginning in 2018, Patriots players formed the New England Patriots Players Social Justice Fund which is renewed and funded annually by players, with The Kraft Family contributing \$250,000 annually. Since the fund was formed, more than \$900,000 has been donated to local organizations, initiatives, and members of our community.

Choose an organization selected by the Kraft Family/Patriots Player Collaborative Fund, the New England Patriots Player Social Justice Fund, or one of the initiatives acted upon for the year 2020 and discuss how the organization or initiative fit the criteria listed above and why you think their work is important or impactful for the community. Organizations and Initiatives can be found below or at <https://www.patriots.com/community/do-your-part/doing-our-part>

## ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES

### **KRAFT FAMILY/ PATRIOTS PLAYER COLLABORATIVE FUND**

- June: Boston Uncornered
- July: Greater Boston Legal Services
- August: Tech Goes Home
- September: Louis D. Brown Peace Institute
- October: Rian Immigrant Center
- November: Amos House
- December - March: To be announced

### **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS PLAYER SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND — 2020**

- New Commonwealth Fund
- Lovin' Spoonfuls
- Posse Foundation
- Black Economic Council of MA (BECMA)
- Rosie's Place
- Rahsaan Hall at ACLU
- MBK617
- The ELISHA Project

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

- Empowerment Plan
- Casa Myrna
- Crossroads for Kids
- Silver Mentor Lining
- More than Words
- Jane Doe
- Boston Legal Services
- Christopher's Haven
- Operation Exit
- Girls Inc.
- Strong Women Strong Girls
- Pine Street Inn

**DRAWING:** Read one of the following stories and then illustrate one of the following:

1. Something that happened in your life that was unfair
2. The most important part of the book
3. If you see parts of this book reflected in your community

- *Dear Black Boy* by Martellus Bennet
- *Something Happened in our Town* by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard
- *The Stone Thrower* by Jael Richardson
- *I am Jackie Robinson* by Brad Meltzer

**PRIZES WILL INCLUDE A SIGNED PLAYER PHOTO, TWO (2) TICKETS TO THE HALL OF FAME, AND WINNING ESSAYS/DRAWING WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE HALL OF FAME**