Office for Women’s Affairs (OWA) 40th Anniversary Celebration:
Women’s Education, Women’s Empowerment
Creative Works Contest

Women’s History is inextricably linked to the education of women, from their access to education to the empowerment found in education. In collaboration with the National Women’s History Project, we encourage reflection on the theme: “Women’s Education, Women’s Empowerment”. In that vein, we invite graduate students, undergraduate students and IU staff to select one or more topics pertaining to the education movements in the world, to the way access to education and trends in education have shaped women’s history. Women as well as men of all backgrounds are encouraged to participate.

**RULES**

- An undergraduate, graduate student or staff member at Indiana University is eligible to participate and a winner will be selected from each category.
- Only an individual student or staff writer or artist may contribute an essay.
- The essays must be written in paragraph format, be no more than 1000 words in length, double spaced, type-written and in a 12-point font if typed on a computer.
- All artwork must be original work. We do not accept color photocopies.
- Artwork may not exceed 11” by 17”—no exceptions.
- Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, cloth, collage, woodcuts, linoleum block prints, silk screen, monoprints, lithographs and computer art, sculpture, or other 3D representations, video entries must not exceed 3 minutes. Photo entries must be at least 8” x 10”.

**INFORMATION FOR SUBMISSIONS**

- Name, status, e-mail address, major, telephone number and address of the writer.
- Essays may be submitted in person or electronically to owa@indiana.edu, with the subject line: Women’s History Month Essay. The essays submitted via e-mail must be in MS Word format and sent to the OWA address via attachment.
- Completed entries can also be sent in person or by mail to: Memorial Hall East, Room 122, Office for Women’s Affairs (OWA), Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. 47405.
- Please keep a copy of ALL submissions.
- Submitted essays for the contest automatically become the property of the Office for Women’s Affairs (OWA).
- The decision of the judges and the sponsoring campus units are final.
- Essays received via email will be confirmed via email within 24 business hours. If receipt is not confirmed via email, please call 812-855-3849.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

- Entries will be judged on whether or not they address the contest theme and also the extent to which they reflect concise use of grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.
- Content must include relevant information that is authentic and pertinent to the theme.
- Entries must, to an extent, be based on research information and not merely on opinion.

**Entries must be received by 5:00p.m. on March 23, 2012.** First and second place winners in each category will receive monetary awards ($125 for 1st place, $75 for 2nd place). In addition, winners will have their names displayed on a public plaque.