

General Information

Each year the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh celebrates the life and work of Absalom Jones (1746-1818), the first African-American priest ordained in the Episcopal Church, USA. In conjunction with this event, the Commission on Race and Reconciliation of the Episcopal Church sponsors a literary contest named for the late Frank E. Bolden, a noted Pittsburgh-based African-American journalist. Please read Bolden's brief bio included in this brochure.

The literary contest is open to all students currently in fifth through twelfth grades.

A cashier's check of \$100 will be awarded to the author of the winning entry and presented at the annual Absalom Jones Day Celebration on **Saturday, February 7, 2015.**

The author is requested to read their winning entry at the celebration which will be held at

Trinity Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Criteria

The contest is on the subject of racism with a specific theme. This year's theme is:

“Race to Reconciliation”



Students are invited to submit a literary work that describes or gives an example(s) of the theme, either from the past, present or future.

Entries may be essays, poetry, fiction or non-fiction, and will be judged on originality, clarity, and composition.

The maximum length is 200 words and should be typed double-spaced.

What to include

Entries should include the following information: author's name, age, grade, school, teacher's name. Also include the author's home address, phone number, e-mail address, hobbies and interests, extra-curricular activities, and plans for the future.

Questions?

Please call one of the following:
Nancy Travis Bolden 412-683-8888
Al Mann 412-661-5947
Darrell Powell 412-828-0502

How to submit

Entries may be submitted two ways:
e-mail to:

dpowell2010@hotmail.com

mail to:

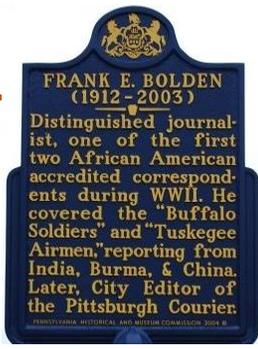
Literary Contest
c/o Darrell Powell
PO Box 419
Oakmont, PA 15139

Deadline

Entries must be post marked no later than

February 2, 2015





- ✚ Award winning journalist
- ✚ First of two African-American WWII war-correspondents accredited by the U.S. Government
- ✚ First African-American journalist to set foot in India, Burma and China
- ✚ Was a house guest of Gandhi and Nehru
- ✚ Career included work on The New York Times, NBC radio, NBC-TV, the Huntley-Brinkley News Report, the 1964 Democratic and Republican National Conventions
- ✚ Co-authored the book *A Legacy in Bricks and Mortar: African American Landmarks in Allegheny County*
- ✚ Honors include: George Polk Award Lifetime Achievement Golden Quill Award, Legacy award of the National Association of Black Journalists in 2003, Heritage Award from the Tuskegee Airmen, Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Point Park University and was named Distinguished Alumni Fellow by the University of Pittsburgh
- ✚ A State Historical Marker honoring Mr. Bolden was erected in 2004 at the original location of the *Pittsburgh Courier* in the Hill District.

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