

# FBC-LEO 2024 Essay Contest



## Essay Contest on Social Media Use in Florida

In the age of digital connectivity, social media undoubtedly influences the lives of Floridians. With nearly 5 billion social media users worldwide, there are many ways in which platforms like Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and others impact various aspects of daily life, including social interactions, cultural trends, political awareness, and community engagement.

## Prompt

In 750 words or less, discuss the positive and negative consequences of social media use in Florida and discuss how it shapes individuals' perspectives and experiences within the unique and diverse makeup of the Sunshine State.

## Prize

\$1,500 scholarship to the Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from the **Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO)**.

## Entry Requirements and Instructions:

You must be an eleventh- or twelfth grader in an FBC-LEO member municipality and graduate during the 2023-2024 or 2024-2025 school year.

- The essay must be typed or legibly printed (no cursive).
- The use of ChatGPT software or similar programs is strictly prohibited.
- The essay must not exceed 750 words.
- Submit your entry by **February 22, 2024 by 5 p.m. ET** at [bit.ly/FBC-LEO\\_EssayContest2024](https://bit.ly/FBC-LEO_EssayContest2024)

For a list of FBC-LEO member cities, towns and villages, see page 2.

### FBC-LEO Online

For more information about the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, visit [fbcleo.org](https://fbcleo.org).

### Questions?

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## Member Municipalities:

### City

City of Alachua  
City of Apopka  
City of Bartow  
City of Belle Glade  
City of Bowling Green  
City of Chattahoochee  
City of Clermont  
City of Cocoa  
City of Cooper City  
City of Coral Springs  
City of Dade City  
City of Dania Beach  
City of Daytona Beach  
City of DeLand  
City of Eustis  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
City of Fort Meade  
City of Fort Myers  
City of Fort Pierce  
City of Gainesville  
City of Green Cove Springs  
City of Gretna  
City of Haines City  
City of Hawthorne  
City of Hollywood  
City of Key West  
City of Lake City  
City of Lake Wales  
City of Lauderdale Lakes  
City of Lauderhill  
City of Live Oak  
City of Madison  
City of Melbourne  
City of Miami Gardens  
City of Midway  
City of Miramar  
City of Monticello  
City of Newberry  
City of North Lauderdale

City of North Miami Beach  
City of Ocala  
City of Opa-locka  
City of Orlando  
City of Pahokee  
City of Palm Bay  
City of Palmetto  
City of Panama City  
City of Pensacola  
City of Pinellas Park  
City of Plant City  
City of Pompano Beach  
City of Quincy  
City of Riviera Beach  
City of Rockledge  
City of Sarasota  
City of South Bay  
City of St. Petersburg  
City of Starke  
City of Stuart  
City of Tallahassee  
City of Tamarac  
City of West Palm Beach  
City of West Park  
City of Westlake  
City of Wildwood  
City of Winter Haven

### Town

Town of Cinco Bayou  
Town of Dundee  
Town of Greenville  
Town of Haverhill  
Town of Lake Hamilton  
Town of Oakland  
Town of Welaka

### Village

Village of Indiantown

## About the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials

The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) was established in 1985 as a nonprofit, public policy, research and educational institute.

The FBC-LEO creates a positive environment for disseminating, communicating and exchanging ideas and information among members to achieve more efficient and responsible local government administration within Florida's communities.

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