

LA MESA-EL CAJON AAUW AND GROSSMONT COLLEGE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT'S

FIRST FEMALE

WRITING CONTEST

PRIZE \$500.00

WHO?

Co-sponsored by the La Mesa-El Cajon American Association of University Women (AAUW) and the Grossmont College English Department, this first annual writing contest is open to all young women in the Grossmont Union High School District. It is our goal to celebrate and support young women who are breaking through barriers as a "First Female."

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A "FIRST FEMALE"

Take the topic of "First Female" and demonstrate how it relates to you in a short essay. While one student may be the first in her family to attend or finish high school, another may be the first to apply for or to be accepted to college. Additionally, other "firsts" such as achievement in academics, sports, drama, music, dance, art, and community service, as well as more personal "firsts," such as those related to family, travel, friendship and overcoming adversity are possibilities.

GUIDELINES

Essay should be typed, double-spaced and 750 or fewer words. Include a title page or index card with author's full name, phone number, e-mail address, high school, and English teacher's name. Essays should be sent to Sydney Brown /Grossmont College / 8800 Grossmont College Drive / El Cajon, CA 92020. For more information, contact Sydney Brown at 619.644.7523 or e-mail sydney.brown@gccd.edu (please type "first female" in subject box).

IMPORTANT DATES

- Essay must be postmarked on or before: Monday, November 16, 2009.
- Winner and Honorable Mentions notified: Friday, December 11, 2009
- Winner invited to read her essay for the AAUW in spring, 2010.

"For what is done or learned by one class of women becomes,
by virtue of their common womanhood, the property of all women."

—Elizabeth Blackwell, *the first woman in the U.S. to become a physician*

