

SOMETIMES PERSONAL OR FAMILY CHALLENGES CAN GIVE US STRENGTH

If you live in the Washington Metropolitan Region, are a teen girl between the ages of 14 and 17 and are growing up without your father in your home, tell us how you have faced the challenge of father absence to achieve self-actualization and self-empowerment.

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Esther Productions Inc.'s
DISCOVERING ME...WITHOUT YOU

Personal Essay Contest



submissions are being accepted
September 3, 2019 through Nov. 1, 2019

\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$

(\$500 for 1st place; \$300 for 2nd place, \$100 for 3rd place and \$50 for two honorable mentions)

All essays selected as finalists will be published in a book to be released Spring 2020

CONTEST RULES: Essays must be original and cannot contain the words of another person without giving that individual credit within the text of the essay; essays must be between 750 words and 2,000 words; essays must be written in English--the writer should indicate at submission if English is not her native language; essays must be typed with 12- point font, doubled spaced, printed only on one side of the paper; essays also may be submitted electronically as an attached pdf file; and essays must have a cover page with the author's name, age, home address and name of school—this personal information may not appear on any other page of the submission.

The printed/hard-copy of essays should be mailed to *Esther Productions Inc. —21570 Washington, DC 20009.*

Electronic submissions should be sent to info@estherproductionsinc.com (Put *Discovering Me* in the subject line)

Judges: **Ana Acevedo** holds a degree in psychology and is the Operations and Communications Manager at the Family Place Public Charter School; **Patricia Bitondo** is a board member of the Educational Foundation of the Woman's National Democratic Club and a businesswoman; **Ana R. Harvey** is a former senior executive in President Barack Obama's administration who focused on the development of women-owned businesses; **Brenda Miller** is Executive Director of the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy; **Brandy Payne** is a nonprofit communications director; **Carlyncia Peck** is founder and CEO of viaJ entertainment services, llc and head of Artistic Empowerment Centers; **Winfield Swanson** is Director of Communications for the Woman's National Democratic Club; and **Addison Switzer** is an actor and CEO of BuckWild Media.

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