

## "Freedom Writers" Student Essay Contest

Calling all student writers! You could win a chance to meet Erin Gruwell, a New York Times best-selling author and the subject of a Hollywood major motion picture "Freedom Writers."

Simply tell us about a teacher who has motivated or challenged you and discuss how their guidance inspired you to succeed.

One winner from Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties will be selected to meet Erin Gruwell, the author of "The Freedom Writers Diary", and attend the 2014 Women's Leadership Luncheon hosted by Heart of Florida United Way on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

### Submitting Entries:

Email: [essaycontest@hfuw.org](mailto:essaycontest@hfuw.org)

Mail:

ATTN: United Way Essay Contest  
1940 Traylor Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32804

### Make sure your entry includes:

- First and Last Name
- Grade
- School & County
- Name of sponsoring teacher
- Phone number and email address

### Contest Guidelines:

- Open to any 9-12th grade student in Orange, Seminole or Osceola county.
- 300-500 words, typed in 12 point font and double spaced. Students can only submit one entry.
- Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14
- Winners will be selected by a panel of members of the Women's Leadership Council.
- Winning students under 18 must be accompanied by an adult (teacher or parent/guardian) at the luncheon on March 12.

**DUE: Feb. 14  
by 5 p.m.**

For more information or questions, please contact:  
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