

2023 WOMEN IN STEM - POLAND SHORT ESSAY CONTEST

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH

Start Date: Friday, March 8th, 2024

End Date: Sunday, April 14th, 2024

Contest Description: Welcome to the 2024 Women in STEM -Poland Short Essay Contest! We are a group of American Scholars from US-Poland International Exchange Fellowships, and we are hosting this competition with American Corner UMCS Education & Business Center to make women's achievements in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields more visible and to continue the celebration of Women's History Month. We invite students to research a woman who works in a STEM field and write a short essay about her in English. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Top entries will receive prizes provided by American Corner UMCS Education & Business Center and the U.S. Embassy Warsaw. Winners will be announced on May 15th on our [Facebook Page](#).

Applicant Criteria:

- Participants must attend a university or high school in Poland and be actively enrolled.
- Participants must belong to one of the following three competition categories:
 - High school Student
 - University/Masters Student
 - Doctoral student (Students from any field of study are welcome to participate)

Rules:

- Essays must be submitted **BEFORE April 14th, 2024, 23:59 CEST**
- All essays must be written in English
- Participants must work independently and use their own words. Plagiarism or the use of AI will not be tolerated.
- All entries are welcome. Entries from rural or less represented areas in Poland are especially encouraged.
- Be creative as you can and have fun! (we get many essays about Marie Skłodowska-Curie; try and be unique)

Essay Guidelines:

- Each essay should include:
 - The name of the woman in STEM (from any nationality, ability, background, or field of STEM)
 - A description of her life and her accomplishments (this person can be famous or just someone you know).
 - Information about the field of STEM she is involved in
 - A short explanation of why you chose this woman and if/how she relates to your desired field of study
 - Any other interesting information about the topic of women in STEM
 - Discussion on how you hope to change or improve your community with tools in STEM
- The essay should be between (400-600 words) and include a brief resources/citation page to list your sources.
 - Example of how to format your essay: <https://tinyurl.com/Example-Women-In-STEM-PL-2024>

Judging:

- Each essay will be judged by United States scholars and special contributions from Polish university professors and community members.
- Essays will be judged on the following:
 - English – Vocabulary, Syntax, and Grammar
 - Composition – Essay Format and Organization
 - Knowledge and Understanding – Clear use of details that follow the guidelines
 - Creativity – Be creative with your writing and choose a unique woman in STEM!

Prizes: Various (non-monetary) prizes provided by American Corner UMCS Education & Business Center and U.S. Embassy Warsaw will be awarded to outstanding essays in each of the three competition categories. In addition, a certificate of participation will be presented to all students who submit an essay.

Essay Submission Link: <http://tinyurl.com/2024-Women-In-STEM-PL>

Social Media: @WomeninSTEMessay2024 [Facebook Page](#) for competition updates, challenges, and global networking opportunities!

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