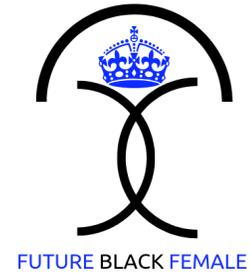
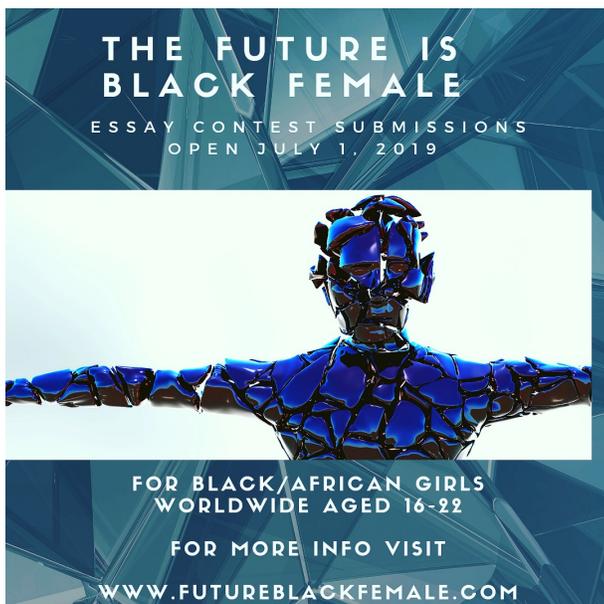


Giving a voice to Black girls and young women in the future by listening to them today.



Future Black Female

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The Future is Black Female

international essay contest:

Submissions open July 1, 2019

Submissions close September 30, 2019

This essay contest will inspire Black girls and young women all over the world to determine their futures by seeking out opportunities that make their dreams a reality.

We encourage Black female youth, regardless of where they live and the challenges and barriers that stand in their way, to think of the future as theirs to discover.

We want them to take up the mantra: the *Future is Female* and back it up with actions that will ensure that there is a future worth possessing for all women, including Black female youths.

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HEADLINE: IF THE FUTURE IS FEMALE, WHERE WILL OUR BLACK GIRLS BE?

Summary points:

- International essay competition: the Future is Black Female
- Black/African female youth worldwide aged 16-22
- Aiming for an equitable inclusive future where all women are empowered as a vital part of society.

“Why wait until they have struggled and fought their way through racism, discrimination, and socio-economic disadvantage before we support, encourage, and uplift Black female youth as a vital part of the present and future world?”

Dr. Tapo Chimbanga - Founder and Director

Because we believe in a female empowered future, and we want Black women to be fully empowered and represented in the future, Future Black Female is running an international essay competition, **the Future is Black Female**. This competition will inspire Black girls and young women all over the world to determine their futures by seeking out opportunities that make their dreams a reality. We encourage Black female youth, regardless of where they live and the challenges and barriers that stand in their way, to think of the future as theirs to discover. We want them to take up the mantra: the *Future is Female* and back it up with actions that will ensure that there is a future worth possessing for all women, including Black female youths.

The Future is Female! We see and hear this everywhere, which brings to mind the previous waves of feminism where Black women were not so strongly represented when space for women was made at the table. While white women made inroads, Black women and other women of color were not just excluded but they were forced to fill the domestic gap that white women left. The pertinent question is: if the future is female, where will our Black girls and women be? Will they stand side by side with White, Asian, Latina, Aboriginal and other counterparts or will they, once more, be required to fight their own battles and lift up a separate voice because the female empowered future was not equitable and inclusive. Don't they deserve a voice in dreaming, determining, and developing a future where **all** women will be empowered?

Currently, Black girls all over the world have to struggle for equity, not only with men but with other women as well. They are becoming the most educated and fastest rising professional demographic but are still underrepresented in positions of real power and authority - politically, economically, and socially. Future Black Female is a not-for-profit enterprise that supports Black female youth to increase their participation in society. We aim to provide programs and services that inspire a sense of belonging and pride in their racial identity; and we help them engage with their communities as leaders. Why wait until they have struggled and fought their way through racism, discrimination, and socio-economic disadvantage before we support, encourage, and uplift Black female youth as a vital part of the present and future world?

Please join us in empowering our Black girls by supporting this essay project with sponsorships/donations; and by encouraging Black female youth aged 16-22 to think of the future that belongs to them today.



Who We Are

Future Black Female supports and amplifies the voices of Black female youth; and magnifies their visions for the future, globally. We work hard to provide channels through which they can access opportunities that improve their outcomes. We value their thoughts, feelings, and experiences as a vital part of the wider world.

Our Founder

Dr. Tapo Chimbanga is the founder of Future Black Female. She is a licensed psychoanalyst and writer based in Toronto, Canada. With a background in language, culture, social justice, and community mental health, Dr. Chimbanga is frequently called upon to speak, write, teach, and serve on panels addressing topics such as racism, job discrimination, and cultural differences. She offers a broad perspective on the many socioeconomic challenges that impact racialized people today. An internationally published writer, Dr. Chimbanga is the author of *The Classroom as Privileged Space: A Psychoanalytic Paradigm for Social Justice in Education* (Lexington Books, 2017). She has also just completed editing an anthology on Black romantic relationships with contributions from writers in the United States, Canada, and England. For more information and to schedule an interview or appearance with Dr. Chimbanga in relation to Future Black Female projects:

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