



THE 2010 HAWAII EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ESSAY COMPETITION
For Students in Grades 7 and 8

Application and Information at www.heaed.com.

1. This contest is open to **ALL** students in grades 7 and 8 enrolled in public schools. Each student is invited to submit one essay to his/her teacher, who will select **no more than three per grade level, per class period** to send to HEA.
2. An essay expresses a point of view on a topic of interest to its author. It may contain statistics, quotations, or other evidence to validate the author's point of view. It may contain personal anecdotes that include description and dialogue. A successful essay captures attention, holds interest, and stimulates thought. Teachers should guide students through the writing process.
3. **FORMAT**
 - a. The essay shall be no fewer than 650 words and no more than 1,000 words, typewritten on one side only, and double-spaced.
 - b. The entrant's name should **NOT** appear on any of the manuscript pages.
 - c. The **FULL TITLE** should be stated at the top of the **FIRST PAGE** of the manuscript.
 - d. A **COVER FORM**, giving HEA the right to publish the entry if it is a winner, shall be attached to the manuscript. The form accompanies these rules. Both the form and the rules may be duplicated.
4. Entries will be scored, using the attached "HEA Guidelines for Judging an Essay, Revised 11/91." Judges look for essays that readers will remember with pleasure and respect.
5. **DEADLINE: ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010.**
6. **PRIZES:**

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| First Place | \$75 |
| Second Place | \$50 |
| Third Place | \$40 |
| Four (4) Honorable Mentions | \$10/each |

Each winner and his/her teacher will be presented with two complimentary copies of the HEA publication of all winning entries, *Write On, HEA! 2010*.

Send your entries to: Essay Contest Chairman, Grades 7-8
Hawaii Education Association
1953 South Beretania Street, Suite 3C
Honolulu, HI 96826

NOTE: We invite students to submit line drawings with their writing, but drawings will **NOT** be part of the judges' evaluation. Winners' drawings may be published in *Write On, HEA! 2010*.

(Revised 10/07)

H.E.A. GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING AN ESSAY

HEA definition of an Essay:

AN ESSAY IS A WRITTEN COMPOSITION THAT EXPRESSES A POINT OF VIEW ON A TOPIC OF INTEREST TO THE AUTHOR. It may contain statistics, quotations, and personal anecdotes to capture the attention, hold the interest, and stimulate the thinking of readers.

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| <p><u>IDEA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shows creativity/originality - Develops interesting approach - Develops thematic coherence through title, introduction, details, and conclusion | | | | | |
| <p><u>WORDING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employs clear, vivid, and precise language - Employs language to create imagery, arouse emotions, and stimulate thought | | | | | |
| <p><u>MECHANICS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employs sentences and paragraphs effectively - Employs correct grammar except for artistic effect - Employs correct spelling - Employs appropriate punctuation - Employs appropriate organization | | | | | |

Revised 10/02 - J.H.