



2016 HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENT ESSAY, POETRY AND VIDEO CONTEST

\$8,500 in cash prizes! Thirty winners will receive two complimentary tickets to attend our 15th Annual **Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner** this fall at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in Los Angeles, California! Enjoy an opportunity to meet Japanese American World War II veterans and their families!

TO ENTER: Submit a 250-500 word **ESSAY**, a work of **POETRY**, or a 3-5 minute **VIDEO** on one of 4 topics:

- (1) There are many aspects of the Japanese American WWII soldier experience that are relevant today. Explore one of them.
- (2) Research one Japanese American WWII soldier, and highlight elements of the experience that are most meaningful to YOU.
- (3) Analyze what the Japanese American WWII experience can teach us about the Constitution, rights and responsibilities.
- (4) Define what the word "courage" means to you. Use examples from both the Japanese American WWII experience and your own lives.

DEADLINE: Thursday, June 30, 2016

- Identify your **school/university** and **grade/level** (2015-2016 school year), and include your **phone number**.
- Email **ESSAYS** or **POEMS** to chris@goforbroke.org.
- Post **VIDEOS** to YouTube, and email link to chris@goforbroke.org.

Winners will be notified by email by Sunday, July 31, 2016!



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See further details on adjoining sheet.

2016 STUDENT ESSAY, POETRY AND VIDEO CONTEST DETAILS

Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC)

Prizes

- (1) Cash prizes will be awarded to the top sixteen student qualified entries as follows:
 - a. \$1,000: First Prize, High School Division, Essay
 - b. \$1,000: First Prize, College/University Division, Essay
 - c. \$1,000: First Prize, High School Division, Poetry
 - d. \$1,000: First Prize, College/University Division, Poetry
 - e. \$1,000: First Prize, High School Division, Video
 - f. \$1,000: First Prize, College/University Division, Video
 - g. \$250 each to ten additional Finalists
- (2) The top 30 contestants will each receive two complimentary tickets to attend our 15th Annual Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in downtown Los Angeles. They will also be treated to an awards brunch in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo on Sunday, October 2, 2016.

Eligibility

- (3) This contest is open to high school (9th through 12th grades) and college (undergraduate and graduate) students.

Instructions to Submit

- (4) Please select from one of the four given topics below:
 - A) **There are many aspects of the Japanese American WWII soldier experience that are relevant today. Explore one of them.**
 - B) **Research one Japanese American WWII soldier, and highlight elements of the experience that are most meaningful to YOU.**
 - C) **Analyze what the Japanese American WWII experience can teach us about the Constitution, rights, and responsibilities.**
 - D) **Define what the word "courage" means to you. Use examples from both the Japanese American WWII experience and your own lives.**
- (5) Please select to either: A) write an essay or B) write a poem or C) create a short video
- (6) Limits: **Essays** - 250-500 words; **Poems** - Max of three typed pages, 12 point font; **Videos** - 3-5 minutes.
- (7) Please do not use copyrighted material in your videos, unless it is from GFBNEC's video collection:
http://goforbroke.org/oral_histories/oral_histories_video.php
- (8) Please identify your **school/university** and **grade/level** (what grade you are/were in for the 2015-2016 school year). Also please include your **phone number**.
- (9) Please email essays to chris@goforbroke.org by Thursday June 30, 2016. Must be Word docs.
- (10) Please email poems to chris@goforbroke.org by Thursday June 30, 2016. Must be Word docs.
- (11) Please post videos to YouTube, and email a link to chris@goforbroke.org by Thursday June 30, 2016.
- (12) Video winners will be required to share original video files with GFBNEC. GFBNEC will own the rights to all essays, poems, and videos.
- (13) A panel of teachers and educators will be judging the essays, poems, and videos.
- (14) Winners will be notified by Sunday, July 31, 2016.
- (15) The winning entries will be presented in a booklet at our Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner and will be available on GFBNEC's website: www.goforbroke.org.

Tips and Helpful Hints

- (16) For information about the Japanese American WWII veterans, please refer to our website (www.goforbroke.org). Interviews of more than 700 veterans are available online. **Participants who submit a video are strongly encouraged to include clips from our interview collection, found online here: http://goforbroke.org/oral_histories/oral_histories_video.php**

Questions

- (17) For additional information please contact Chris Brusatte at chris@goforbroke.org.

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