



ESSAY/VIDEO CONTEST

(for Grades 10 through 12)

Sponsored by the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission

Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. (ret.), Chair of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission said, "Equal access to justice should not be a mere illusion. We should be energized to meet the challenge of such equality."

Write an essay or create a video about: "Why we need volunteers, and how volunteering has helped me to answer this question."

"Six (6) students will be selected to each receive a **\$500 award** and will be recognized at the Pro Bono Celebration event at the Hawaii Supreme Court Courtroom in Honolulu on **Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.** There will be a total of six awards. Three awards shall be made for Honolulu County (Oahu); one award for Maui County (Maui, Molokai, Lanai); one award for Hawaii County (Hawaii Island); and one award for Kauai County (Kauai). The judges shall decide whether an award shall be for an essay or a video. Each neighbor island awardee will receive air transportation for two (the awardee and an adult chaperone) and a car rental stipend.

ESSAY

1. The essay must be 500 words or less and use font size 12. It must not exceed two pages (8 1/2 x 11- inch paper), double-spaced.
2. Essays submitted in prior years cannot be resubmitted and will be disqualified.

VIDEO

1. The videos must be no longer than 2 minutes.
2. The video must be burned to a CD or loaded to a USB drive and submitted. The maximum size of the video file is 1 GB, and shall be in one of the following formats: mov, mp4 or wmv. The video file's name should be the student's name (for example: janedoe.wmv).
3. If you use your cell phone, be sure to film in landscape mode.
4. Any and all included music must be copyright free or created by the students themselves.

RULES

1. All entries must include an entry and photo release form. All essays and videos will become the property of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to be used in whole or in part to promote the work and mission of the Commission. Credit will be given to the author of the submission, including the name, school, and grade of the student.
2. All entries must be non-fiction, in English, and the original work of the student.
3. Students may submit both a written essay and a video, but will only be eligible to win one award.
4. Entries are limited to students in grades 10 through 12.
5. **Deadline:** Entries must be **postmarked by Thursday, September 21, 2017** or **emailed (essays only) and received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017.**
6. The essay, video or both, with the completed and signed entry and photo release form, should be mailed to:

Essay/Video Contest
Goodsill Anderson Quinn & Stifel
999 Bishop Street, Suite 1600
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Essays (but not videos) may also be e-mailed to essaycontest@goodsill.com.

If you have any questions, please telephone Tracey Wiltgen at ph. 521-6767, or
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