

The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest 2008 Guidelines

Awards

- * First Prize - \$5,000
- * Second Prize - \$2,500
- * Third Prize - \$1,500
- * Two Honorable Mention - \$500.00

Eligibility

* Registered undergraduate full-time juniors or seniors at accredited four year colleges or universities in the United States during the fall 2007 semester.

Suggested Essay Topics

- * What does your own experience tell you about the relationship between politics and ethics and, in particular, what could be done to make politics more ethical?
- * Articulate with clarity an ethical issue that you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself?
- * Carefully examine the ethical aspects or implications of a major literary work, a film or a significant piece of art.
- * Clearly analyze the relationship between religion and ethics in today's world.
- * How does a recent political or cultural event shed light on the ethics of rebellion/revolution?

What the Readers Look For:

- * Clear articulation and genuine grappling with an ethical dilemma
- * Thoroughly thought-out, tightly focused essay
- * Adherence to guidelines and carefully proofread essays
- * Originally and imagination
- * Eloquence of writing style
- * Intensity and unity in the essay

Essay Format

- * In 3,000 to 4,000 words, students are encouraged to raise questions, single out issues, and identify dilemmas.
- * Essays may be written in the formal or informal voice, but most importantly, an individual voice should be evident in the essay.
- * The essay be developed from any point of view and may take the form of an analysis that is biographical, historical, literary, philosophical, psychological, sociological or theological.
- * Essay must be the original, unpublished work of one student. Only one essay per student per year may be submitted.
- * Essay should be titled, typed in 12-point font in English, double-spaced with 1" margins and numbered pages.

* Submissions will be judged anonymously. Hence, no name or identifying references (i.e. your name, school, or professor) should appear on the title page or in the manuscript. Our office will put a code on your essay.

Faculty Sponsor:

- * Any interested professor at the student's school may act as a Faculty Sponsor.
- * Students entering the contest are required to have a Faculty Sponsor review their essay and sign the Entry Form.
- * Faculty members should only endorse thought-provoking, well written essays that fall within the contest guidelines.

Submission of Materials:

- * Please submit three (3) copies of your essay (one (1) copy paper-clipped and two (2) stapled).
- * In addition, be sure to enclose a completed Entry Form (signed by both you and your faculty sponsor).
- * Include a letter on school stationary from the Registrar's Office, verifying your eligibility (see above).
- * Entries must be postmarked on or before December 7, 2007. No faxed or emailed entries will be accepted.
- * Please note that due to the volume of entries, no materials will be critiqued or returned.

Contest Deadline: December 7, 2007

Please complete the submission checklist on the Entry Form and send all materials together to:

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