

THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS

ESSAY CONTEST 2010

GUIDELINES

AWARDS:

- ✦ First Prize - \$ 5,000
- ✦ Second Prize - \$ 2,500
- ✦ Third Prize - \$ 1,500
- ✦ Two Honorable Mentions - \$ 500 each

ELIGIBILITY:

- ✦ Registered undergraduate full-time juniors or seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States during the fall 2009 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.
- ✦ From a personal viewpoint, how does globalization impact your view of the Other in society and in the world?
- ✦ Clearly analyze the relationship between religion and ethics in today's world.
- ✦ Examine the ethical implications of a decision, dilemma, or situation related to the current economic crisis.

WHAT THE READERS LOOK FOR:

- ✦ Clear articulation and genuine grappling with an ethical dilemma
- ✦ Adherence to guidelines and carefully proofread essays
- ✦ Observation of rules for Standard English usage (grammar, punctuation, mechanics) in writing and revising your work
- ✦ Thoroughly thought-out, tightly focused essays
- ✦ Originality 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 should be developed from the student's 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- ✦ Essay must be the original, unpublished work of one student.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.
- ✦ All essays must have a title.
- ✦ 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 stationery from the Registrar's Office, verifying your eligibility (see above).
- ✦ Entries must be postmarked on or before January 8, 2010. No faxed or e-mailed entries will be accepted.
- ✦ Please note that due to the volume of entries, no materials will be critiqued or returned.

CONTEST DEADLINE: JANUARY 8, 2010

Please complete the submission checklist on the Entry Form and send all materials together to:
THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS

THE ELIE WIESEL FOUNDATION FOR HUMANITY
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ENTRY FORM

WE PREFER THAT YOU ENTER ONLINE AT WWW.ELIEWIESELFOUNDATION.ORG

STUDENT INFO:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Circle one: Junior Senior

Title of Essay: _____

College/University: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Major: _____

Address _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ School phone: _____

E-mail: _____

FACULTY SPONSOR INFO:

Name of Faculty Sponsor: _____

College/University: _____

Position: _____ Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

I have read the Guidelines for The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest 2010 and confirm that the essay submitted is an intelligent and thought-provoking essay worthy of this competition and is the student's own original, unpublished work.

Student's Signature / Date

Faculty Sponsor's Signature / Date

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