

2019 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ESSAY AND POETRY CONTEST

Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC) supports the legacy of Japanese American World War II veterans, who served their country at a time when the United States denied their civil rights. Join us in advocating for civil liberties and equality, the cornerstone of the American experience, by entering our 2019 contest.

In addition to **cash prizes**, four winners (grand prize entry from each category) will receive **two complimentary tickets*** to our **30th Anniversary Gala Evening of Aloha Dinner** on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in Los Angeles. Winners will enjoy an evening of fine dining, entertainment, and meet Japanese American WWII veterans and families.

TO ENTER: Submit a 250-500 word ESSAY, or a work of POETRY (3 typed pages or less) on one of the following topics:

- The Japanese American WWII veteran experience is still relevant to our society today. Explore one of the ways this is true.
- How will you carry on the legacy of the Japanese American WWII veterans?
- This year is the 75th anniversary of the Korematsu v. United States and Ex Parte Endo cases where the courts upheld the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066. Analyze what the Japanese American WWII experience can teach us about the Constitution, rights, and responsibilities.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019



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Go For Broke National Education Center is grateful that **Pacific Global Investment Management Company** is once again the Presenting Sponsor of this year's contest. Their contribution is made in memory of community philanthropists Manabi Hirasaki (WWII Veteran) and Sig Kagawa. Supporting Sponsors are **Ken and June Shimabukuro** and an **anonymous donor in memory of WWII Veteran Masao "Mas" Takahashi**.

This program is not affiliated with nor endorsed by any school or school district.
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INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT

- Please select from one of the three given topics below:
 - (1) The Japanese American WWII veteran experience is still relevant to our society today. Explore one of the ways this is true.
 - (2) How will you carry on the legacy of the Japanese American WWII veterans?
 - (3) This year is the 75th anniversary of the Korematsu v. United States and Ex Parte Endo cases where the courts upheld the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066. Analyze what the Japanese American WWII experience can teach us about the Constitution, rights, and responsibilities.
- Please select to either: A) write an essay or B) work of poetry.
- Limits:
 - Essays - 250-500 words
 - Poetry - Three typed pages or less
 - Must be sent as a Word doc
- Please identify which category you are entering, phone number, your school/university, title of your entry, and grade/level (what grade you are/were in for the 2018-2019 school year).
- Please email entries to studentcontest@goforbroke.org by Sunday, June 30, 2019.
- A panel will be judging the entries.
- Winners will be notified by Friday, August 9, 2019.
- All contestants will be added to Go For Broke National Education Center's etorch email list to receive updates on the organization.

ELIGIBILITY

- This contest is open to high school (9th through 12th grades) and college (undergraduate and graduate) students.
- If you were a winner the previous year, you are ineligible for entry in the same category, but may submit an entry this year under a different category.

TIPS AND HELPFUL HINTS

- Go For Broke National Education Center's *Defining Courage* exhibition is located in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo. Visit the exhibition to learn more about the Japanese American WWII experience. *Defining Courage* is free for students.
- For information about the Japanese American WWII veterans, please refer to our website. Interviews of more than 700 veterans are available online.

PRIZES

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 12 student qualified entries as follows:

| Essay, High School Division | Poetry, High School Division | Essay, College Division | Poetry, College Division |
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| \$1,000: First Prize | \$1,000: First Prize | \$1,000: First Prize | \$1,000: First Prize |
| \$500: Second Prize | \$500: Second Prize | \$500: Second Prize | \$500: Second Prize |
| \$250: Third Prize | \$250: Third Prize | \$250: Third Prize | \$250: Third Prize |

The four grand prize winners will each receive two complimentary tickets* to attend our 30th Anniversary Gala Evening of Aloha Dinner on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in downtown Los Angeles. All winners will be published in a booklet at the event and on our website.

*Please be advised that travel and accommodations are not included with the complimentary tickets to Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner.