



The Elie Wiesel Foundation

PRIZE IN ETHICS

2024 Essay Contest

Information & Guidelines

Awards:

- ♦ First Prize - \$10,000
- ♦ Second Prize - \$5,000
- ♦ Third Prize - \$3,000
- ♦ Two Honorable Mentions - \$1,000

Eligibility:

- ♦ Registered undergraduate students at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States during the Fall 2023 Semester.

Suggested Essay Topic:

What challenges awaken your conscience?

Is it the conflicts in American society? An international crisis? Maybe a difficult choice you face or a hard decision you had to make?

Engage us. Enlighten us. Explore the ethics of any problem, question, or issue, whether close to home or in the world at large. We are eager to learn from you.

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.
- ♦ Thoroughly thought-out, tightly focused essays.
- ♦ Originality and imagination.
- ♦ Eloquence of writing style.
- ♦ Intensity and unity in the essay.

Essays will be judged on:

- The quality of the writing
- The clarity of the ethical problem or issue
- The depth of the essay's ethical analysis – including, for example, reflections on matters of right and wrong, justice and injustice, and the implications of those reflections for society

Essay Format:

- ♦ 3,000 to 4,000 words
- ♦ Must be your own original, unpublished work however can be a paper that was turned in for class. – **Use of writing that is generated or aided by Artificial Intelligence is strictly prohibited.**

- ♦ Essay must be written in English.
- ♦ Essay must have a title.
- ♦ Must be typed in 12-point easily readable font (such as Times New Roman), double-spaced with 1" margins, and numbered pages.
- ♦ Only one essay per year may be submitted.
- ♦ Essays may be written in the formal or informal voice, but most importantly, an individual voice should be evident.
- ♦ The essay should be developed from your point of view and may take the form of an analysis that is biographical, historical, literary, philosophical, psychological, sociological, or theological.
- ♦ 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 document.** Our office will put a code on your essay.

Faculty Sponsor (optional):

- ♦ Students entering the contest are **strongly** recommended to have a Faculty Sponsor review and electronically verify their essay.
- ♦ Any interested professor at the student's school may act as a Faculty Sponsor.
- ♦ Your Faculty Sponsor will need to verify online that your essay meets the content standards in order for your essay to be judged.
- ♦ All essays must be verified by the deadline on December 29, 2023 at 5pm PST in order to be judged.
- ♦ Upon submitting your entry online, your reported Faculty Sponsor will be emailed with a link to review and verify your submission online.
- ♦ Please work with your Faculty Sponsor on any necessary edits to your essay before you upload and submit it online.
- ♦ Your Faculty Sponsor will be reminded by email in the event your submission is not reviewed near the deadline, but please check on the status of your submission independently, and work with your sponsor to ensure timely verification.
- ♦ Faculty members should only endorse thought-provoking, well-written essays that fall within the contest guidelines.

Enrollment Verification:

- ♦ The Foundation requires an official letter from your Registrar on your institution's letterhead, or from the National Student Clearinghouse verifying your enrollment as a full-time undergraduate student in the Fall of 2023. Please obtain this and upload it as a PDF as part of your online submission.

Studying Abroad:

- ♦ Students who are studying abroad in the Fall 2023 semester but are considered enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university in the United States are eligible to apply. Please check with your Registrar and obtain the appropriate documentation to verify your enrollment.

Submission of Materials:

- ♦ All entries must be submitted online through a submission system.
- ♦ Essays must be uploaded as a PDF (.pdf).
- ♦ Enrollment verification must be uploaded as a PDF file. Your Faculty Sponsor's name and contact information, including email, must be provided.
- ♦ **You may edit your unfinished submission at any time but once submitted, you will not be able to edit your entry.**
- ♦ If using a Faculty Sponsor, the essays must be verified by the deadline on December 29, 2023, at 5 pm PST in order to be judged.

- ♦ Please note that due to the volume of entries, no materials will be critiqued or returned.

CONTEST DEADLINE: December 29, 2023, BY 5 PM PST

PLEASE ENTER ONLINE AT WWW.ETHICSPRIZE.ORG

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity reserves the right to publish the winning essays, in whole or in part. These essays may not be published elsewhere without written permission from the Foundation. Please note that due to the volume of entries, no materials will be critiqued or returned.

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