The Annual Lulu*s Peace Essay Competition

DESCRIPTION

The Peace Institute at California State University Chico announces “The Annual Lulu*s Peace Essay Competition.” The essay competition is open to everyone and will award four prizes as described below.

The essay can address any peace and/or justice issue, and authors may choose to write about interpersonal, national or international nonviolent approaches to conflict. While any such work is encouraged and considered, priority will be given to essays that examine a local issue of peace and justice, e.g. race relations in your town, homelessness in your area, or resolving disputes specific to your community.

The essay may take a case study approach focusing on one or more cases, argue for a particular established position on approaching conflict peaceably (Badshah Khan, Martin Luther King, Jr., Gene Sharp, etc.), or consider the issue of structural violence (harm caused to individuals by virtue of the design of social institutions within which people function), or may even be a critique of some established nonviolent approach to conflict.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. National and International Award: one award that is open to any person on the planet (2nd and 3rd prizes awarded at judges’ discretion).
2. Jr. High/Sr. High School Student Award: one award that is open to any 7th through 12th grade student of Northern California (2nd and 3rd prizes awarded at judges’ discretion).
3. Undergraduate Student Award: one award that is open to any undergraduate student of Northern California (2nd and 3rd prizes awarded at judges’ discretion).
4. Graduate Student Award: one award that is open to any graduate student of Northern California (2nd and 3rd prizes awarded at judges’ discretion).

AWARDS

- The four winners receive a $300.00 prize each, 15% of which is tithed to their favorite (preferably local) charity.
- The possible eight runners up will receive a $100.00 prize each.

DETAILS

Authors may email their submission to Tom Imhoff at timhoff@csuchico.edu or send 3 copies to the following address: (Tom Imhoff, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Chico, 121 Trinity Hall, Chico, CA, 95929-0730, USA). Submissions should be between 5 and 25 pages in length and written in or translated to the English language. Suggested emphasis is on quality and not quantity as most entries are expected to be shorter rather than longer. All entries must contain a cover letter with the following information about the author: full name, age, physical mailing address, email address (if possible), two telephone numbers (if possible), school and year of study if student, and the category for which the essay is to be considered in. If the author is not at least 18 years of age when submitting their work, a note should be included from their legal guardian permitting the youth to enter this competition. Each author may submit only one essay for the competition. Essays must be received by May 1, 2010.

Winning essays will be published in media and forums of The Peace Institute.

Awards presented at The Annual Peace Institute Celebration gala event, which takes place in the fall of every year in Chico, CA.

Contest Deadline: May 1, 2010