



BEVERLY HILLS BAHA'I SCHOLARSHIP

Established in memory of Mona, a loving & caring teacher

Rules & Guidelines

Entry Rules

Students must submit a typewritten essay according to the following criteria: The Essay must be between 1,000 and 1,200 words, typewritten using 12 point Times New Roman font, double-spaced and must be the student's own work. Essays must be written and properly cited (including a bibliography) using MLA format.

The essay should be submitted with a cover page that has the student's name, address, phone number, email address, and signature certifying that the attached essay is their own work. The essay will be assigned a number and reviewed anonymously by the judges. All essays submitted will become the property of The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Beverly Hills which reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding eligibility, interpretation of the rules, and announcement of the winners.

Up to five awards of \$500 will be presented this year.

Eligibility

All Beverly Hills High School seniors are eligible to participate in this scholarship competition.

Essay Topic

Abolishment of Racial Prejudice

As a member of American society, you, no doubt, have seen how racial prejudice can thwart development of those attributes, abilities and virtues that distinguish a true human being. At a time when the people of the world keep moving closer and closer together, racial prejudice needs to be recognized as a challenge to forward-moving advances that could take place socially, politically, economically and morally.

Certain human attitudes and behaviors can help to extinguish the influence of racism and racial prejudice. Some of those attitudes and behaviors have been listed below. Choose one phrase, or suggest one of your own. Then use your essay to illustrate how the attitude or behavior you have selected can become a tool by which you could work

to strengthen those endeavors that seek to address a long-standing and deeply-rooted American problem, i.e. racial prejudice.

Genuine love
Extreme patience
True humility
Consummate tact
Sound initiative
Mature wisdom
Deliberate and persistent effort
Moral courage and fortitude
Care, vigilance and sympathy

Assessment Guidelines

Essays will be judged on both style and content. Judges will look for writing that is clear, articulate and logically organized. The essay will be judged anonymously on style and grammar, clarity of content, innovation and creativity, and conformity with topic.

Judging

Each entry will be read anonymously by the judges. The judges' decision will be given to the Beverly Hills Baha'i Assembly who will then announce the winners. If no submissions meet the above criteria, then no awards will not be presented. The decision of the judges is final.

Deadline and Notification Date

All submissions must be emailed no later than Friday April 13, 2018 to:

scholarship@beverlyhillsbahai.org

The awards will be presented to the winners at the Senior Award Ceremony in May.

For questions, email:

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