



# 2018 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ESSAY, PERFORMANCE, & VISUAL ARTS 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 2018 contest.

In addition to **cash prizes**, six winners (grand prize entry from each category) will receive **two complimentary tickets\*** to our **17th Annual Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner** on Sunday, September 8, 2018, 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.



GFBNEC thanks **Pacific Global Investment Company** for once again serving as the **Presenting Sponsor** of this year's contest. Its 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**.

**TO ENTER:** Submit a 250-500 word **ESSAY**, a 3-5 minute video of a **PERFORMANCE**, or a photo/video of a work of **VISUAL ART** on one of the following topics:

- (1) The Japanese American WWII veteran experience is still relevant to our society today. Explore one of the ways this is true.
- (2) The Japanese American WWII veteran story is now more than 70 years old. Discuss your ideas on preserving the Japanese American WWII veteran story for future generations.

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018**



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### INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT

- Please select from one of the two 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) The Japanese American WWII veteran story is now over 70 years old. Discuss your ideas on preserving the Japanese American WWII veteran story for future generations.
- Please select to either: A) write an essay or B) video a performance or C) create your choice of visual art and submit a photo or video
- Limits:
  - Essays - 250-500 words
  - Performance - 3 to 5 minute video of an original performance. This includes spoken word, performed poetry, original song, or an original short play.
  - Visual art - Produce your choice of visual art including drawing, painting, mixed media, print, photograph, collage, or 3-5 minutes of edited video. Submit this as a photo or video with a short explanation (up to 250 words) of the work. Please do not use copyrighted material in your visual art, unless it is from Go For Broke National Education Center's video or photo collection.
- 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 2017-2018 school year).
- Please email essays to [studentcontest@goforbroke.org](mailto:studentcontest@goforbroke.org) by Sunday, July 1, 2018. Essays must be sent as Word docs.
- Please post videos of performances to YouTube, and email a link to [studentcontest@goforbroke.org](mailto:studentcontest@goforbroke.org) by Sunday, July 1, 2018.
- Please submit a photo or video of your visual art. Include a short explanation of up to 250 words as a Word doc. Post videos to YouTube, and email a link to [studentcontest@goforbroke.org](mailto:studentcontest@goforbroke.org). Send photos of your visual art as a jpeg attachment to [studentcontest@goforbroke.org](mailto:studentcontest@goforbroke.org). All entries must be received by Sunday, July 1, 2018.
- Visual arts winners will be required to share an original video file or a high resolution photo file with Go For Broke National Education Center.
- A panel will be judging the essays, videos, and photos.
- Winners will be notified by Saturday, August 11, 2018.
- 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.

### 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. Go For Broke National Education Center's Defining Courage Exhibition 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.
- Participants who submit a video are strongly encouraged to include clips from our interview collection, found online here: [http://goforbroke.org/oral\\_histories/oral\\_histories\\_video.php](http://goforbroke.org/oral_histories/oral_histories_video.php)
- Judging criteria will include originality and creativity.

### PRIZES

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 18 student qualified entries as follows:

#### Essay, High School Division

\$1,000: First Prize  
\$200: Second Prize  
\$100: Third Prize

#### Performance, High School Division

\$1,000: First Prize  
\$200: Second Prize  
\$100: Third Prize

#### Visual Arts, High School Division

\$1,000: First Prize  
\$200: Second Prize  
\$100: Third Prize

#### Essay, College Division

\$1,000: First Prize  
\$200: Second Prize  
\$100: Third Prize

#### Performance, College Division

\$1,000: First Prize  
\$200: Second Prize  
\$100: Third Prize

#### Visual Arts, College Division

\$1,000: First Prize  
\$200: Second Prize  
\$100: Third Prize

The six grand prize winners will each receive two complimentary tickets\* to attend our 17th Annual Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner on Saturday, September 8, 2018 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.*