



2022 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ESSAY AND POETRY CONTEST



Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC) supports the legacy of Japanese American WWII veterans who served their country at a time when the United States denied their civil rights. This year's theme "Honor," is in memory of the 21 Japanese American WWII Medal of Honor recipients, our nation's highest military recognition. Join us in remembering their service and sacrifice by entering our 2022 contest.

In addition to monetary award prizes, first place winners from each category will be acknowledged in our 21st Annual Evening of Aloha Gala on November 5, 2022. All winning entries will be published in an online booklet on our website.

TO ENTER: Submit a 400-500 word ESSAY on one of the following topics:

- The Japanese American WWII veteran experience remains relevant to our society today. Explore one of the ways this is true.
- Immediately after WWII, only one Japanese American was awarded the Medal of Honor. A review was conducted in the 90s and 20 additional Japanese Americans had their actions recognized to the highest degree 55 years after WWII. How can we continue to acknowledge the selflessness of their service?

OR a work of POETRY (2 typed pages or less) reflecting on the theme of "Honor":

- Consider: How do you think the Medal of Honor recipients would want to be remembered? How do we honor their legacy?

DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2022, 11:59 PM PDT

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LAWSON IICHIRO SAKAI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

GFBNEC is pleased to coordinate the "Lawson Iichiro Sakai Memorial Scholarship," an annual scholarship established by family and friends of the Nisei WWII veteran to recognize students with outstanding community service. One high school student and one college (undergraduate/graduate) student will be selected based on active participation and support of their community. For 2022, a \$500 scholarship will be given to each student. **Only applicants who participate in the 2022 GFBNEC Student Essay and Poetry Contest are eligible for consideration.**

GFBNEC is honored to administer this scholarship on behalf of the generous family and friends of Lawson Sakai. Visit goforbroke.org/StudentContest to apply and see a full list of scholarship contributors.

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

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HOW TO APPLY

1. Select either: (a) write an essay, or (b) work of poetry:

(a) ESSAY CATEGORY

Select from one of the two given topics below:

- The Japanese American WWII veteran experience remains relevant to our society today. Explore one of the ways this is true.
- Immediately after World War II, only one Japanese American was awarded the Medal of Honor. A review was conducted in the 90s and 20 additional Japanese Americans had their actions recognized to this highest degree 55 years after WWII. How can we continue to acknowledge the selflessness of their service?

(b) POETRY CATEGORY

Reflect on the theme of "Honor"

- Consider: How do you think the MOH recipients would want to be remembered? How do we honor their legacy?

2. Select to either: (a) write an essay, or (b) work of poetry based on the following requirements:

- Essays - 400-500 words
- Poetry - Two (2) typed pages or less
- Must be sent as a Word doc
- Include: category you are entering (essay or poetry) and which prompt (essay only); phone number; school/university currently attending; title of your entry; and 2021-2022 grade/level

3. Email entries by **Thursday, June 30, 2022, 11:59 PDT** to studentcontest@goforbroke.org.

- **Note:** All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges selected by GFBNEC. Winners will be notified by Monday, August 1, 2022. In order to stay informed on GFBNEC news and updates, all participants will be added to the *eTorch* online subscriber list.

ELIGIBILITY

- Contest is open to all high school (9th through 12th grades) and college (undergraduate and graduate) students.
- 2021 winners are ineligible for entry in the same category, but may submit an entry under a different category.
- Applicants who wish to be considered for the "Lawson Iichiro Sakai Memorial Scholarship" must also submit an essay or poetry entry in the GFBNEC Student Contest. Contest applicants are not required to apply for the scholarship.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- For more detailed information about the Japanese American WWII veterans, visit our online educational resources at www.goforbroke.org and watch the videos on our YouTube channel.
- Hear the first-person perspectives in GFBNEC's Hanashi Oral History Collection of over 1,200 audio-visual interviews that provide valuable insight on the veterans experience. Visit www.goforbroke.org/hanashi, or our affiliated website, the Japanese American Military History Collective at ndajams.omeka.net.

CONTEST PRIZE AWARDS

Essay, High School Division	Poetry, High School Division	Essay, College Division	Poetry, College Division
\$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

In total, 12 awards based on category and level will be distributed as follows:

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Mission: *To educate and inspire character and equality through the virtue and valor of our
World War II American veterans of Japanese ancestry.*

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