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Re: Video and Essay Contest for Grades 10 through 12 on  
***“What community service are you interested in, and how would you inspire others in the community to engage in community service?”***

Dear Principal and Teachers:

The Hawaii Access to Justice Commission (“Commission”) is sponsoring an essay contest on ***“What community service are you interested in, and how would you inspire others in the community to engage in community service?”***

The contest is open to grades 10 to 12 and will begin on August 20, 2018.

The award recipients will be recognized at the Commission’s Pro Bono Celebration at the Hawaii Supreme Court Courtroom in Honolulu on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Six (6) students will each receive a \$500.00 award for his/her video or essay, and each student’s teacher/advisor listed on the entry form (only one) will receive a \$100 award for educational purposes. A travel stipend for each of the honored students and his/her parent or guardian will be provided for students traveling from the neighbor islands to defray the costs of airfare and car rental.

We respectfully request your assistance in distributing the enclosed documents regarding the essay contest to your students. We appreciate your help in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

SIMEON R. ACOBA, JR.  
Associate Justice (Ret.)  
Hawaii Supreme Ct.  
Chair, Hawaii Access to  
Justice Commission



## ESSAY/VIDEO CONTEST

(for Grades 10 through 12)

### Sponsored by the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission

*Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. (ret.), Chair of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission said, "Equal access to justice should not be a mere illusion. We should be energized to meet the challenge of such equality."*

**Write an essay or create a video about: "What community service are you interested in, and how would you inspire others in the community to engage in community service?"**

Six (6) students will be selected to each receive a **\$500 award**, and each student's teacher/advisor listed on the entry form (only one) will receive a **\$100 award** for educational purposes, and will be recognized at the Pro Bono Celebration event at the Hawaii Supreme Court Courtroom in Honolulu on **Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.** There will be a total of six awards. Three awards shall be made for Honolulu County (Oahu); one award for Maui County (Maui, Molokai, Lanai); one award for Hawaii County (Hawaii Island); and one award for Kauai County (Kauai). The judges shall decide whether an award shall be for an essay or a video. Each neighbor island awardee will receive air transportation for two (the awardee and an adult chaperone) and a car rental stipend.

#### ESSAY

1. The essay must be 500 words or less and use font size 12. It must not exceed two pages (8 1/2 x 11- inch paper), double-spaced.
2. Essays submitted in prior years cannot be resubmitted and will be disqualified.

#### VIDEO

1. The videos must be no longer than 2 minutes.
2. The video must be submitted on a DVD.
3. If you use your cell phone, be sure to film in landscape mode.
4. Any and all included music must be copyright/royalty free or created by the students themselves.
5. The video must be the student's own original work (i.e. no assistance by a parent, teacher, professional production company, etc. is permitted), and must be narrated (if at all) by the student.

Only individual students may enter. A completed video release form must be submitted for each person who appears on camera. If a student under the age of 18 appears on camera, a parent's signature is required on the release form.

#### RULES

1. All entries must include an entry and photo release form. All essays and videos will become the property of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to be used in whole or in part to promote the work and mission of the Commission. Credit will be given to the author of the submission, including the name, school, and grade of the student.
2. All entries must be non-fiction, in English, and the original work of the student only.
3. Students may submit both a written essay and a video, but will only be eligible to win one award.
4. Entries are limited to students in grades 10 through 12.
5. **Deadline:** Entries may be mailed, hand-delivered or e-mailed (essays only) and **must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 21, 2018. Entries received after that date and time will be disqualified.**
6. All decisions by the contest committee and judges are final.
7. The essay, video or both, with the completed and signed entry and photo release form, should be mailed or hand delivered to:

Essay/Video Contest  
Schlack Ito  
745 Fort Street, Suite 1500  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Essays (but not videos) may also be e-mailed to [essaycontest@schlackito.com](mailto:essaycontest@schlackito.com).

Only the contest winners will be notified on or by October 15, 2018. Students who were not selected will not receive any notification. If you have any questions, please telephone Tracey Wiltgen at ph. 521-6767, or email: [tracey@mediatehawaii.org](mailto:tracey@mediatehawaii.org).



## **ENTRY and PHOTO RELEASE FORM**

*“What community service are you interested in, and how would you inspire others in the community to engage in community service?”*”

### **An Essay/Video Competition**

**RELEASE:** All video and essay submissions will become the property of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to be used in media stories, publications, websites, reports to sponsors and/or in any other matter related to the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to promote its mission. Credit will be given to the author of the submission, including the name, school, and grade of the student.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** I grant permission to Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to use photographs taken during the Pro Bono Celebration event at the Hawaii Supreme Court on October 25, 2018 to recognize the contest award recipients, for use in media stories, publications, websites, reports to sponsors and/or in any other matter related to the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission to promote its mission.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Guardian's signature

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' or Guardians' name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_