

# THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS

## ESSAY CONTEST 2011

### GUIDELINES

#### AWARDS:

- ✦ First Prize - \$ 5,000
- ✦ Second Prize - \$ 2,500
- ✦ Third Prize - \$ 1,500
- ✦ Two Honorable Mentions - \$ 500 Each

#### ELIGIBILITY:

- ✦ Registered undergraduate full-time Juniors or Seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States during the Fall 2010 Semester.

#### SUGGESTED ESSAY TOPICS:

- ✦ Articulate with clarity an ethical issue that you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself.
- ✦ Reflect on the relationship between religion and ethics in today's world, making sure to draw on your own life as a guide.
- ✦ What does your own experience tell you about the relationship between politics and ethics and, in particular, what could be done to make politics more ethical?

#### WHAT THE READERS LOOK FOR:

- ✦ Clear articulation and genuine grappling with an ethical dilemma.
- ✦ Thoroughly thought-out, tightly focused essays.
- ✦ Adherence to guidelines and carefully proofread essays.
- ✦ Originality and imagination.
- ✦ Observation of rules for Standard English usage (grammar, punctuation, mechanics) in writing.
- ✦ Eloquence of writing style.
- ✦ Intensity and unity in the essay.

#### ESSAY FORMAT:

- ✦ In 3,000 to 4,000 words, you are encouraged to raise questions, single out issues and identify dilemmas.
- ✦ Essays may be written in the formal or informal voice, but most importantly, an individual voice should be evident.
- ✦ The essay should be developed from your point of view and may take the form of an analysis that is biographical, historical, literary, philosophical, psychological, sociological or theological.
- ✦ Essay must be the original, unpublished work of one student. Only one essay per student per year may be submitted.
- ✦ All essays must have a title.
- ✦ Essay should be titled, typed in 12-point font in English, double-spaced with 1" margins and numbered pages.
- ✦ Submissions will be judged anonymously. Hence, no name or identifying references (i.e. your name, school, or professor) should appear on the title page or in the manuscript. Our office will put a code on your essay.

#### FACULTY SPONSOR:

- ✦ Any interested professor at the student's school may act as a Faculty Sponsor.
- ✦ Students entering the contest are required to have a Faculty Sponsor review their essay and sign the Entry Form.
- ✦ Faculty members should only endorse thought-provoking, well-written essays that fall within the contest guidelines.

#### SUBMISSION OF MATERIALS:

- ✦ Please submit three (3) copies of your essay (one (1) copy paper-clipped and two (2) stapled).
- ✦ Enclose a completed Entry Form (signed by both the student and faculty sponsor).
- ✦ Include a letter on school stationery from the Registrar's Office, verifying your eligibility (see above).
- ✦ Entries must be postmarked on or before December 6, 2010. No faxed or e-mailed entries will be accepted.
- ✦ Please note that due to the volume of entries, no materials will be critiqued or returned.

### **CONTEST DEADLINE: DECEMBER 6, 2010**

*Please complete the submission checklist on the Entry Form and send all materials together to:*

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THE ELIE WIESEL FOUNDATION FOR HUMANITY

555 MADISON AVENUE – 20<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10022

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WE PREFER THAT YOU ENTER ONLINE AT [WWW.ELIEWIESELFUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.ELIEWIESELFUNDATION.ORG)

#### STUDENT INFORMATION:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Junior    Senior

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FACULTY SPONSOR INFORMATION:

Name of Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

***I have read the Guidelines for The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest 2011 and confirm that the essay submitted is an intelligent and thought-provoking essay worthy of this competition and is the student's own original, unpublished work.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature / Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Sponsor's Signature / Date

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