

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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Suffolk County Asian-American Advisory Board, Wellbrook Foundation, and JEI Learning Center Stony Brook

Present

2018 Social Harmony Writing Contest

I. Purpose

The main purpose of this writing contest is for you to come up with ideas on how to promote cultural understanding and social harmony. You are encouraged to write an essay on how to improve the race/ethnic relations in our society. You may use a personal experience/observation, current event, history, literature or other to support your idea.

II. Contest rules

1. You must be a high school or middle/junior high school student in Suffolk County (private or public school).
2. The essay must be in English, word processed or typed, double spaced and in Times New Roman and 12 point font. The length of the paper should be between 3 to 5 pages. All entries will become the property of Asian-American Advisory Board and will not be returned.
3. In addition to your essay, you also need to submit an application form (visit <http://www.scaaab.org> to download the form)
4. Student's name should be shown on each page of the essay. Please mail the application and the essay to:

Suffolk County Executive Office
Office of Minority Affairs
c/o Nikki Gins, AAAB
P.O. Box 1600
100 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099

5. Submission deadline: **March 30, 2017.**
6. All eligible entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Quality of content and adherence to theme
 - b. Originality
 - c. Writing style and grammar
7. Winners will be announced in the SCAAAB's website www.scaaab.org on May 11, 2018

III. Awards Presentation

There will be 3 winners for each group (high school or middle/junior high)

1. A certificate of accomplishment will be awarded by the Suffolk County Executive and Asian-American Advisory Board.
2. Monetary award amounts are: 1st place - \$250
2nd place - \$150
3rd place - \$100
3. All winners and their families will be invited to an award ceremony scheduled to take place during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration on **May 26, 2018** at the Thai Cultural center Centereach, NY.

IV. Direct any questions to Nikki Gins at nikkigins.scaaab@gmail.com

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2018 Social Harmony Writing Contest Application
(Submission Deadline: **03/30/18**).

Student's Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Birthday: _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Address: _____

City: _____ NY, Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

Email address: _____

School Name: _____

Grade: _____

School Address: _____

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on this application is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information on this application will be grounds for disqualification.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information, visit: <http://www.scaaab.org/>