



ESSAY CONTEST

(for Grades 10 through 12)

**Sponsored by the
Hawaii Access to Justice Commission**

How to Inspire Fellow Students to Volunteer

Intermediate Court of Appeals Associate Judge Daniel R. Foley, Chair of the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission, said, "The pursuit of equal justice for all is truly a noble endeavor."

Hawaii Supreme Court Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr. (ret.), former Chair of the Commission said, "Unlike some states, the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission does not receive and distribute funds, a function that can be the source of considerable power and influence. But, that does not mean the Commission lacks power or influence. The Commission's power is derived from its volunteers who are unified in purpose."

Write an essay about how to inspire other students to volunteer.

Three essays from the neighbor islands and three essays from the island of Oahu will be selected to be recognized at the Pro Bono Celebration event at the Hawaii Supreme Court Courtroom in Honolulu on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. There will be a \$500 award for each award recipient. A travel stipend for each of the awardees and his/her parent or guardian will be provided for students traveling from the neighbor islands. (The travel stipend is to defray the costs of the airfare from the neighbor islands and car rental only.)

RULES

1. Limited to students in grades 10 through 12. The essay competition opens on August 24, 2015.
2. All entries must include an entry and photo release form. All essays submitted 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 essay, including the name, school, and grade of the student.
3. 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. All entries must be in English and be the original work of the student. Essays must be non-fiction (no short stories).
4. Any essay entry previously submitted for the essay contest sponsored by the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission in 2014 is disqualified and cannot be resubmitted for this year's essay contest.
5. **Deadline:** Entries must be **postmarked by Thursday, September 24, 2015 or emailed and received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015.**
6. Email the essay with entry and photo release form from the respective island to **essaycontestoahu@goodsill.com, essaycontestkauai@goodsill.com, essaycontestmaui@goodsill.com, essaycontestbigisland@goodsill.com** or mail to:

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