

PO'OHALA

ESSAY CONTEST

Questions

Choose *one* of the following questions to write about.

1) Topic: **GOOD HABITS**

Question: Good habits improve our physical, emotional, and/or financial health. Select one of your good habits and write an essay persuading readers to make that habit a part of their lives.

2) Topic: **MAUI LIVING**

Question: Name one thing that you would change to make Maui a better place to live. Describe in detail your plans to implement this change.

3) Topic: **VIDEO GAMES**

Question: Are video games positive or negative for kids in today's society? Explain your answer.

Rules & Guidelines

- Must be an 8th grader at Maui Waena Intermediate School during the 2012-2013 school year.
- Only one entry can be submitted per student. All essays must be written in English.
- Choose one question from the list above and write a 2-4 page essay. (Not including the cover sheet.)
- All essays *must* follow the MLA format.
- Maui Waena Language Arts teachers will narrow down the essays to the Top 30 and submit them to the essay committee members. Committee members will select the winners.
- Essays will be evaluated based on critical thinking, vocabulary, grammar, and organization.
- Each essay must be the original works of each student. Plagiarism is not allowed.
- Any quotation or copyrighted materials used must be properly identified using a bibliography and footnotes or proper citation. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.

Background

The Po'ohala Essay Contest is Maui Waena Intermediate School's first community-partnered essay contest. It was started in memory of Maui Waena alumnus Po'ohala Atay. The essay contest is founded and sponsored by Brittany Yap and Roderick Pontemayor, with co-sponsor Betsey Dickerson, and the support of Po'ohala's 'ohana. The essay contest is in partnership with the Friends of Maui Waena. Winners will be announced at the 8th grade matriculation ceremony in May. *For more information, please see your Language Arts teacher.*

Deadline

FRIDAY
APRIL 26, 2013

PRIZES

\$300 1st Place **\$200** 2nd Place **\$100** 3rd Place **\$50** 4th & 5th Place

Honorable Mention winners will be awarded a gift card.