

2015 Essay Contest

Now accepting submissions for the 2015 SAAWA Essay Contest!



To create a greater awareness of Cultural Diversity, South Asian American Women's Alliance is inviting your essay on "The Impact of Social Media on Cultural Diversity" from High School Students. Please visit www.saaawa.org for further information.

Student Criteria for Entering the Contest:

Attending a public or private high school in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens Counties. Students must be in grades 9-12. Only individual essays are acceptable and only one essay per student.

Student Ethics

All work must be the sole work of the student. All sources must be included in the literature cited and properly footnoted.

Format Requirements

1,500 words limit excluding literature cited. Font size of 12, double spaced!

INTRODUCTION: (about 30% of the essay)

- Explain how you interpret the title
- What issues/topics are you going to explore?
- What will be your focus?
- What will your essay show?

Structure of the Essay (about 80% of the essay)

- Statement of the problem: narrow and limited in scope.
- Rationale-Reason for selecting the specific problem as it applies to you.
- Introduction- Background information pertaining specifically to Cultural diversity that can be rephrased.
- Project Description/Analysis- The information learned as it applies to the problem. An analysis as to the feasibility of the media you selected as it applies to Cultural diversity include the pros and cons.

CONCLUSION (about 10% of the essay)

- Summary statement including a defense of your proposal.
- Do not introduce any NEW material here.
- Summarize your ideal argument (you might also have done this in your introduction).
- Restate what you consider to be the main points.
- Make it clear why those conclusions are important or significant.
- In your last sentence, link your conclusions or recommendations back to the title.

Some students find it helpful to write a rough conclusion first, before they write the essay, so they know where they're going. They rewrite it, if necessary, when they've finished outlining and editing the essay.

Reference List

List all the books, articles, materials you have referred to in your essay.

- Author (Date), Title, Publisher, Page numbers.
- In alphabetical order by author's surname.

Awards

From 10 semifinalists, four finalists will be selected. Top winner - \$100, second place \$40, third place \$30, honorable mention \$20. Awards ceremony at the SAAWA annual gala.

Important dates: The essay must be submitted to the email listed below no later than November 22, 2015. Winners will be announced on January 15, 2016.

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