

**ASIAN PACIFIC STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
SOUTHERN CHAPTER**

2011 APSEA Essay Contest

Topic: "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

Who: 12th grade High School & College Students age 20 yrs old & under as of Dec. 31, 2010 and related to and acknowledged by Southern Chapter APSEA Member.

How To Enter:

Qualified Interested students must read the rules, complete the enclosed application, enclose proof of age, submit an essay on the pre-assigned topic shown above and mail the complete package to :

APSEA So. Chapter, P.O. Box 86663 L.A. 90086-0663
and it must be postmarked no later than **MAY 10, 2011**

This notice was mailed simultaneously to all Southern California Chapter member address' on file and ONLY the FIRST 10 BOY & 10 GIRL entries submitted will be acknowledged and allowed to compete. Postmarks will determine priority.

**Winners will be requested to read their Essays at the Scholarship Luncheon to be held in the vicinity of Los Angeles at 11:00 a.m. in June, 2011. Day TBA.
Exact location to be announced later.**

The Essay Contest is sponsored by the Southern Chapter APSEA to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience in their country, their parent's country of origin or a more historical perspective. Boys compete against boys and Girls compete against girls therefore there will be two first place, two second place, and two third place winners.

In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win \$1,500 for first place, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third place to help participants pursue their academic aspirations.

A panel of judges will select the top three essays for the boy competitors and same for the girl competitors. Respective Monetary Checks will be awarded at a restaurant luncheon where the winners and one respective parent or adult in responsible charge will be paid for by the Association. Any additional attendees will be charged \$15 each and APSEA will subsidize the difference to cover the luncheon cost.

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Application for 2011 APSEA Southern Chapter Essay Contest

Name _____ Male ___ or Female ___

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Age _____

Contestant Agreement:

I have studied the rules which appear below for the contest, and I will be bound by all of the requirements.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian Permission:

I give my permission for my child/ward to participate in this contest.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Relationship _____

Name, Address, & telephone number of related APSEA So. Chapter Member who qualifies competitor

Official Topic: "The Internet: Today's Evolution or Tomorrow's Menace?"

Essay Contest Rules

Section I - General Rules

1. Contestants must compose an original essay with limited guidance from others. Webster's dictionary defines an essay as an analytic or interpretative literary composition. Works of fiction or poetry will not be accepted.
2. APSEA will have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

1. The contest is open to 12 th Grade High School & College students age 20 & UNDER as of Dec 31, 2010 who are related to current members of APSEA So. Chapter.
2. All contestants must furnish proof of age (copy of their birth certificate or comparable document) before participating.

Section III - Contest Rules

1. Participants must write on the official topic.
2. Each entry must begin with a title page containing: the official topic, number of words, writer's name, address, phone number, name of school and date of birth. Name of APSEA member related to contested and relationship must also appear.
3. At the top of page 1 should be the official topic and number of words (penalty of 2 points for lack of topic and 5 points for failure to identify the total number of words correctly).
4. Essays must be typewritten and double-spaced. (Deduction of 5 points)
5. Essays must contain at least 500 words, but no more than 600 words. Every word of the essay is counted. This does not include the title, a bibliography or footnotes. Hyphenated words count as 1 word. (Deduction of 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit)
6. Each page of the essay must be numbered starting with page 1 of the essay, not the title page. The numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page. All entries will be given a number and all title pages will be removed before judges read the Essays.
7. Any quotations or copyrighted material used must be identified properly. For example, use of a specific writer's format (such as MLA) may be specified by the instructor overseeing the contest. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
8. No reference can be made in the essay that identifies the student, parents, relative, school, or community, (Deduction of 5 points)
9. Essay must be written in English.
10. The entry must be stapled together in the upper left-hand corner. Covers of any type are not accepted.

Section IV - Judging and Timing

1. Judging will be completed by a panel of three qualified judges who are not acquainted with the contestants.
2. In an effort to conceal the identity of each contestant, each entry will be assigned a number by the Essay Contest Chair. The assigned number will be placed on the title page and page 1 of the essay. The title page will then be detached and retained by the Essay Contest Chair. The judges will be given the essay bearing only the assigned number.
3. Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged.
4. Only judges can assign a penalty or award points.

Section V - Scoring

Scoring procedures of the contest will be identical.

1. Material Organization - logical interpretation of the subject, adherence to topic: 40 points
2. Vocabulary and Style - phrasing and continuity: 30 points
3. Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling: 20 points
4. Neatness: 5 points
5. Adherence to Contest Rules - prepared in the proper format: 5 points

Section VI - Penalties

1. Failure to list official topic: 2 points
2. Failure to accurately identify total number of words: 5 points
3. Failure to type essay and double-space: 5 points
4. Failure to stay within the 500-600 word limit: 5 points for each 25 words over/under limit
5. Self-identification: 5 points.

Section VII - Awards for each Boy and each Girl

First Place: \$1,500 ; Second Place \$1,000 ; Third Place \$ 500