



13th NAsEA/ANMA Joint Convention

September 1-3, 2017, Charlotte NC
Hosted by Greater Charlotte Nepalese Association (GCNA)

“Civic Engagement and Youth Empowerment of Nepalese in America”

CALL FOR ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

High School Essay Contest (Grades 9 – 12)

The Nepalese Association in Southeast America (NAsEA) and the Association of Nepalese in Midwest America (ANMA) are announcing the annual high school student essay contest open to all students of North America.

No matter who we are, no matter where we live and no matter what life we choose to lead, we are all Nepali in one way or another. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are shaped and influenced by our Nepali culture and tradition, which has evolved over thousands of years. Our roots lead us deeper to Nepal and nurture us through nutrient of Nepali culture and tradition.

The goal of this contest is to increase awareness of Nepali culture in order to preserve our culture and ultimately gain a better understanding of ourselves.

Title – Empowering Nepali Youths through Civic Engagements for Better Citizenship

What kind of civic engagements are needed amongst Nepali youths in North America to empower them to be a better citizen? Tell us from your experience of volunteering, how Nepali organizations can promote and provide such kind of civic engagements.

Guideline: The essay should elaborate your experience of volunteering and civic engagements (Nepali and non-Nepali organizations) in North America.

Awards & Recognitions:

The first, second and third place winner will be awarded a prize of US \$300, \$100 and \$50 respectively, along with an award certificate. The top three essays will also be published in NAsEA’s upcoming *Yeti View Point* magazine. The winners will be honored during NAsEA/ANMA joint convention during Labor Day Weekend 2017 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The first prize for the high school essay contest is personally sponsored by Ms. Prarthana Singh and Mr. Rajesh Singh from Charlotte, NC and the second and third prizes are sponsored by Mr. Shailendra Bajracharya and Ms. Sushma Bajracharya from Atlanta, GA.

Eligibility:

1. The content is open to all North American Region high school students enrolled in 2016-2017 and to all home-school students in grade equivalent to high school (Grades 9 – 12).
2. All essays must reflect the contestant's own research and originality in writing.
3. Limit one submission per student.
4. Essay must be submitted online before deadline to all Judging Committee members.

Essay specification:

1. Written in English language.
2. Student's name, photo, email address and day-time phone number must appear at the top of the essay.
3. Document limits to 800 –1000 words. All words, except title and bibliography will be counted towards the word limits.
4. Type using MS-Word, Double-spaced and page numbered.
5. Submit in MS-Word format to Judging Committee Chair and carbon copy to all committee members.

Judging criteria:

1. Scope of research (20%)
2. Organization of content (15%)
3. Originality (20%)
4. Logic development (10%)
5. Spelling and grammar (10%)
6. Clarity and sincerity of thoughts (10%)
7. Completeness (15%)

A panel of official essay contest committee will conduct judging. The committee's decision will be the final decision.

Timeline:

1. Essay submission deadline – August 14, 2017.
2. Winner notification – August 20, 2017.
3. Winners recognition – During cultural program of 13th NAsEA/ANMA joint convention.

The judging committee:

- Dr. Sushama Pradhan, NC, USA – Chairperson: spradhan@gmail.com
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- Dr. Gyanendra Pokharel, Calgary, Canada – Member: gyanendra.pokharel@gmail.co
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