

EDDIE AIKAU FOUNDATION & HAWAIIAN AIRLINES PRESENT THE
2023 EDDIE AIKAU ESSAY CONTEST

EDDIE WOULD GO

GRADE LEVEL CASH AWARDS

1ST PLACE **\$500**

2ND PLACE **\$350**

3RD PLACE **\$250**

HONORABLE MENTION (2) \$100 EACH

Language Categories:

1) ENGLISH - Awards given to winners in each grade level

2) HAWAIIAN - Grade Levels combined for awards

(see website for Hawaiian translation of the prompt)

FOR PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, IN GRADES 7-10, INCLUDING THOSE DOING "DISTANCE LEARNING" AND BEING HOMESCHOOLED

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Eddie faced many challenges in his life but with persistence & perseverance he was successful in overcoming them.

Ho'omau is the Hawaiian value of perseverance and persistence.

How was *Ho'omau* reflected in Eddie Aikau's life and his actions? Give supporting examples.

How has *Ho'omau* played a role in your life? Give supporting examples.

POSTMARK OR EMAIL DEADLINE

Submit Signed Student Applications & Completed Essays by:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2023

Student Winners will be notified by:

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

For essay contest guidelines visit: eddieaikaufoundation.org

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2023 Eddie Would Go Essay Contest – PROMPT

ENGLISH:

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HAWAIIAN / 'Ōlelo :

Kaulana ka inoa 'o Eddie 'Aikau ma ke 'ano he kanaka he'enalu o nā nalu nunui a he kia'i ola hō'ihi 'ia no ke kūlanakauhale ma Waimea Bay ma ka 'ao'ao 'Ākau o O'ahu, kahi āna i hō'a'ano ai i kona ola no ka mālama 'ana i ke kai no ka pono o nā kānaka āpau. I ka makahiki 1978, ua mōliaola 'o ia i mea e ho'opakele ai i ka po'e ho'okele wa'a o Hōkūle'a, i ka wā i kahuli ai ka wa'a ma ke kai pikipiki'ō. I ke alo pali, ua holo pono ko Eddie mau pilikia ma o ka noke 'ana a me ka hā'awipio 'ole 'ana. 'O Ho'omau ia loina Hawai'i. Pehea i hō'ike 'ia ai ka Ho'omau 'ana i ko Eddie 'Aikau ola a me kāna mau hana? E hā'awi mai i nā la'ana e kāko'o ai. I kou ola pono'i, he aha ke ko'iko'i o ka Ho'omau 'ana? E hā'awi mai i nā la'ana e kāko'o ai.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

Please PRINT clearly and complete ALL information requested.

Student's Name _____ Age ____ Grade _____

School _____ Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Email Address _____

School or Teacher's Phone Number _____

NAME of Student's Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)

Parent's / Guardian's Email or Phone _____

Student's Email or Mailing Address _____ Student- MALE FEMALE
(circle)

Student's (Adult) T-Shirt size: **S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL** (circle one)

By signing below, you and your parent or legal guardian give permission to the Eddie Aikau Foundation, the Hawaii DOE, and the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools to do the following: (1) use your name, your biographical information (other than mailing address), and your essay in their discretion in any lawful manner for non-commercial purposes, educational purposes, and promotional purposes associated with the Eddie Would Go Essay Contest (collectively, the "Permitted Purposes"); (2) reproduce your essay, along with your name and biographical information (other than mailing address), in any format, including but not limited to printed materials and digital and on-line formats such as the Internet, for the Permitted Purposes; (3) distribute your essay to third parties for the Permitted Purposes; and (4) if you are a contest winner, record and use your likeness, whether captured by means of a photograph, video recording, or another method, and voice, whether captured by means of audio recording or another method, for the Permitted Purposes in any format, including but not limited to printed materials and digital and on-line formats such as the Internet.

Student's Signature: _____ **(required)**

Parent or legal Guardian's signature: _____ **(required)**

Email Essay & Signed Student Application to: eaf5446@gmail.com

OR

Mail the signed Student Application and 2 hard copies of the completed Essay to:

The Eddie Aikau Foundation
352 Auwaiolimu Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Email date or Postmark date Deadline is: **Thursday February 9, 2023**

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FOR THE STUDENT: TIPS AND REMINDERS FOR WRITING YOUR ESSAY

Before you write, do some research. Possible resources include:

- Read the book, "Eddie Would Go" by Stuart Coleman (found in St of HI public libraries).
- View the **ESPN** documentary, "Hawaiian: The Legend of Eddie Aikau" *Teachers or parents may email the Foundation & we will arrange to lend a copy of the documentary to be shown to the students, subject to availability of supplies. Email the Foundation at: info@eddieaikaufoundation.org to make the arrangements.* This DVD is also available for purchase on Amazon, search under the title of the documentary.
- Search the internet e.g., newspaper articles in *The Honolulu Star Advertiser*, various other magazines and media resources.
- Talk with someone who knew Eddie Aikau. Members of the Aikau Ohana are willing to speak with interested students about Eddie's life. **Email them to make arrangements: info@eddieaikaufoundation.org**
- Visit the Eddie Aikau Foundation website: www.eddieaikaufoundation.org
- Visit the Polynesian Voyaging Society website:
<http://www.hokulea.com/voyages/our-story/>
- Visit the Wikipedia website and learn about the history of the Big Wave Invitational In Memory of Eddie Aikau. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Eddie
- Visit the current website of "THE EDDIE" Big Wave Invitational, now managed by the Aikau Family: <https://www.theeddieaikau.com/>

When you write:

- Introduce yourself and your thoughts to the reader. Use an appropriate title that states your point of view to be expressed in the essay.
- Create an original piece of writing that takes the reader from your title, to the introduction, through the body of your essay, and finally to the conclusion, in a clear, concise manner.
- Develop a topic you can focus on which will deliver your ideas to the reader clearly and convincingly.
- Finish your essay well ahead of time so you can take a day or two to read it again for a final review. Read it aloud to yourself or an adult to decide if changes are needed.

Check that you've met all of the contest requirements:

- The essay must be the student's OWN work.
- The essay should have a TITLE that captures the idea of the essay.
- The essay must NOT reveal the Student's Name or School anywhere on, or within the essay.
- The essay should be a MAXIMUM of 1000 words in length.
- The essay must be **typewritten, double-spaced**, and in **12-point font** size.
- Two (2) hard copies of the essay should be submitted when mailed. Or the essay can be emailed as a WORD, or a pdf document.
- **The essay answers the following Prompt:**
- **Eddie Aikau faced many challenges in his life but with persistence & perseverance he was successful in overcoming them. Ho'omau is the Hawaiian value of perseverance and persistence. How was Ho'omau reflected in Eddie Aikau's life and his actions? Give supporting examples.**
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Timeline

January 18, 2023 - Wednesday

Contest announcement posted on Foundation Website, & Social Media.

Student Application and Contest Guidelines available online at www.eddieaikaufoundation.org

February 9, 2023 - Thursday

Postmark & Email deadline for completed ESSAYS, which must include a SIGNED Student Application in order to be accepted for judging.

Essays may be submitted by email, or mail.

March 1 to March 15 , 2023

Remote Judging sessions for all essays submitted by the deadline date that meet the Eligibility requirements.

March 21 to April 9, 2023

All Student Winners, Parents & Teachers notified.

April 10, 2023 - Monday

Announce names of Student Winners.

Post Names of Student Winners on the Foundation website.

April 15, 2023 - Saturday – 10 am to 3 pm

Essay Awards luncheon & presentation – Waimea Valley Park