

**2016 STUDENT ESSAY, POETRY AND VIDEO CONTEST DETAILS**  
**Go For Broke National Education Center (GFBNEC)**

**Prizes**

- (1) Cash prizes will be awarded to the top sixteen student qualified entries as follows:
  - a. \$1,000: First Prize, High School Division, Essay
  - b. \$1,000: First Prize, College/University Division, Essay
  - c. \$1,000: First Prize, High School Division, Poetry
  - d. \$1,000: First Prize, College/University Division, Poetry
  - e. \$1,000: First Prize, High School Division, Video
  - f. \$1,000: First Prize, College/University Division, Video
  - g. \$250 each to ten additional Finalists
- (2) The top 30 contestants will each receive two complimentary tickets to attend our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in downtown Los Angeles. They will also be treated to an awards brunch in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo on Sunday, October 2, 2016.

**Eligibility**

- (3) This contest is open to high school (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) and college (undergraduate and graduate) students.

**Instructions to Submit**

- (4) Please select from one of the four given topics below:
  - A) There are many aspects of the Japanese American WWII soldier experience that are relevant today. Explore one of them.**
  - B) Research one Japanese American WWII soldier, and highlight elements of the experience that are most meaningful to YOU.**
  - C) Analyze what the Japanese American WWII experience can teach us about the Constitution, rights, and responsibilities.**
  - D) Define what the word "courage" means to you. Use examples from both the Japanese American WWII experience and your own lives.**
- (5) Please select to either: A) write an essay *or* B) write a poem *or* C) create a short video
- (6) Limits: **Essays** - 250-500 words; **Poems** - Max of three typed pages, 12 point font; **Videos** - 3-5 minutes.
- (7) Please do not use copyrighted material in your videos, unless it is from GFBNEC's video collection: [http://goforbroke.org/oral\\_histories/oral\\_histories\\_video.php](http://goforbroke.org/oral_histories/oral_histories_video.php)
- (8) Please identify your **school/university** and **grade/level** (what grade you are/were in for the 2015-2016 school year). Also please include your **phone number**.
- (9) Please email essays to [chris@goforbroke.org](mailto:chris@goforbroke.org) by Thursday June 30, 2016. Must be Word docs.
- (10) Please email poems to [chris@goforbroke.org](mailto:chris@goforbroke.org) by Thursday June 30, 2016. Must be Word docs.
- (11) Please post videos to YouTube, and email a link to [chris@goforbroke.org](mailto:chris@goforbroke.org) by Thursday June 30, 2016.
- (12) Video winners will be required to share original video files with GFBNEC. GFBNEC will own the rights to all essays, poems, and videos.
- (13) A panel of teachers and educators will be judging the essays, poems, and videos.
- (14) Winners will be notified by Sunday, July 31, 2016.
- (15) The winning entries will be presented in a booklet at our Evening of Aloha Gala Dinner and will be available on GFBNEC's website: [www.goforbroke.org](http://www.goforbroke.org).

**Tips and Helpful Hints**

- (16) For information about the Japanese American WWII veterans, please refer to our website ([www.goforbroke.org](http://www.goforbroke.org)). Interviews of more than 700 veterans are available online. **Participants who submit a video are strongly encouraged to include clips from our interview collection, found online here: [http://goforbroke.org/oral\\_histories/oral\\_histories\\_video.php](http://goforbroke.org/oral_histories/oral_histories_video.php)**

**Questions**

- (17) For additional information please contact Chris Brusatte at [chris@goforbroke.org](mailto:chris@goforbroke.org).