

2012 Eddie Aikau Essay Contest

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 (available in State of Hawaii public libraries).
- [View the documentary, "Eddie Aikau Hawaiian Hero" to be rebroadcast on KGMB 9 TV, Saturday December 17, 2011 at 6:00 PM.](#)
- 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. The Aikau family is willing to visit the schools and speak with interested students about Eddie's life. Teachers may email them at: info@eddieaikaufoundation.org to make the arrangements.
- Visit the Eddie Aikau Foundation website: www.eddieaikaufoundation.org
- Visit the Polynesian Voyaging Society website: <http://pvs.kcc.hawaii.edu/> Look under the heading- **Voyages**.
- Visit the Quiksilver website and learn about the history of the Big Wave Invitational In Memory of Eddie Aikau. www.quiksilver.com/bigwave

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 and decide if changes or corrections 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 must be submitted. The essay must also be available as an MS Word document.
- The essay answers the following:
As a City and County lifeguard, Eddie Aikau often risked his life to make sure the beaches were safe for everyone. He made the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life in an attempt to save the crew on the Polynesian voyaging canoe "Hokule'a".
Eddie's actions reflected the Hawaiian values of KOKUA (to help) and KAHIAU (to give generously with the heart, without expecting anything in return).
How do these values inspire your actions and how do they influence your decision of who to help, when you can't help everyone. Provide supporting examples or evidence.

Mail the signed Student Application and 2 hard copies of the completed Essay on, or before, **Tuesday January 24, 2012 (postmark deadline)**.