

Evelyn D. Wilkey Iota Essay Contest

American Education Week Observance

Essay Topic

Theme: "Why is it important for students to consider a wide range of careers, including those outside of traditional paths?"

EVELYN D. WILKEY NATIONAL YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST Deadline: November 15, 2025

The National Essay Contest is open to all middle and high school students. Each student will prepare her/his essay based on the National American Education Week theme (above).

After the local chapter's judging, the chapter will send the winner from each group to the Regional Representative.

The following items should be included with the winner's essay:

- Essay Application
- Declaration of Originality

To be eligible for judging, the essay must be complete and submitted electronically no later than November 15th and include the Declaration of Originality properly signed.

Submit to iota1929_nu@yahoo.com

JUDGING

Regional winners will receive the following:

<u>High School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>
1st Place: \$500.00	1st Place: \$500.00
2nd Place: \$250.00	2nd Place: \$250.00
3rd Place: \$100.00	3rd Place: \$100.00

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APPLICATION

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____
City State Zip Code

TELEPHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

SPONSORING CHAPTER _____ REGION _____

CHAPTER PRESIDENT _____

CHAPTER'S ESSAY COORDINATOR _____

COORDINATOR'S ADDRESS _____
City State Zip Code

DECLARATION OF ORIGINALITY

I hereby declare that the writing of the attached essay reflects my own work, except where quoted materials are identified. I give Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated permission to publish my essay in their National Journal or to use it in any other promotional manner desired.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____
Contestant

SIGNATURE _____
Parent

SIGNATURE _____
Chapter's Essay Coordinator