

2016 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 **ESPN** documentary, "Hawaiian: The Legend of Eddie Aikau" which is currently available on NETFLIX. <http://www.netflix.com/title/70273674> **Teachers may email the Foundation and we can arrange to lend a copy of the documentary to be shown to their students. Email: info@eddieaikaufoundation.org to make the arrangements**
- 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 family are 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://www.hokulea.com/voyages/our-story/>
- Visit the Quiksilver website and learn about the history of the Big Wave Invitational In Memory of Eddie Aikau. <http://quiksilver.com/surf/events/eddie-aikau/>

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 Prompt:
****EDDIE WENT****

***The Big Wave Invitational in Memory of Eddie Aikau* was held on February 25, 2016. On that day for thousands of people around the globe, the world stood still!**

What is it about Eddie Aikau's *mana* (strength, spirit, knowledge, power) that continues to attract worldwide attention?

Give supporting examples and evidence.

How has the *mana* of Eddie Aikau made a difference in your life?

Give supporting examples and evidence.

Mail the signed Student Application **and** 2 hard copies of the completed Essay on, or before, **Saturday September 24, 2016 (postmark deadline).**