

2019 Eddie Would Go 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” **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 QS Big Wave Invitational In Memory of Eddie Aikau. **<https://quiksilver.com/surf/events/eddie-aikau/history.html>**
- 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 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 Aikau was a famous big wave surfer, a fearless lifeguard at Waimea Bay, and a courageous crew member of the Polynesian voyaging canoe, *Hōkūle’a*.
Eddie was a **KIA’I** (protector, guardian) of Waimea Bay and the Hawaiian culture. He practiced **KAPU ALOHA** (to act with restraint, love, and understanding) when faced with confrontation or opposition. Provide examples of these values in Eddie’s life.

How would you apply these values in your own life to achieve your goals? What do you think needs protecting in your own community?

Mail the signed Student Application **and** 2 hard copies of the completed Essay on, or before, **Saturday September 21, 2019 (postmark deadline)**.