

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association



AHEPA 4th ANNUAL ESSAY COMPETITION 2023

Sponsored by AHEPA Chapter 98

ELIGIBILITY: College Students and High School Juniors & Seniors from the Saint Barbara Parish and Community.

AWARDS: Winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement and monetary prizes:
1st place, \$500 • 2nd place \$250, in each category

ESSAY TOPICS:

- **COLLEGE:** *“When is technology good? In recent years, there have been several technological leaps, all presuming to improve the world and address societal challenges, namely, artificial intelligence and deep learning, voice and facial recognition, nuclear fusion, the Janes Webb telescope imaging in the infrared, new renewable energy devices, remote sensing of animal behavior, genetic mapping, and multiple social media software. Identify at least three features of a new technology that would mark it as being of benefit to the users and potentially fulfilling long-term needs. Give examples.”*
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** *In our Christian faith, mercy holds a very high place among human virtues. Additionally, obeying rules, whether civic, legal, or religious, is a social virtue that marks us as a responsible and lawful society. Can these two virtues come to conflict with each other, and when this happens, which of the two you might elevate above the other? Give examples.*

CRITERIA: (a) Length of Essay between 500 and 750 words (1 to 1.5 Page) (b) to the extent possible, connect Essay ideas to the AHEPA personal and social values (faith, reason, excellence, education, truth, joy of life, free mind, individual freedom, philanthropy).

SUBMISSION: by **February 28, 2023.**

Submit Essay to AHEPA Chapter 98, accompanied by a page with personal information: name, age and year in HS or college, postal and email address, and name of school in 2022-2023. The submission can be expedited by email to one of the contacts listed below, or by postal mail to AHEPA Chapter 98, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT 06477. In the latter case, mark “AHEPA Essay Competition” on the back of the envelope.

For further information and to declare your entry in the competition (required), contact
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Historical Note: AHEPA was formally established in 1922 by a group of A Greek-Americans in Atlanta, Georgia to counter ethnic discrimination against new immigrants. Currently, there are more than 400 AHEPA Chapters throughout the USA, Canada, Australis and Europe, including Greece. Since its inception, AHEPA has undertaken a huge number of philanthropic endeavors in this country and in Greece, Ahepa Chapter 98, with its home base on the campus of the Saint Barbara church, was established in 1926.