



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: February 22, 2023
To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Administrators of Nonpublic Schools
Route To: Middle School and High School Administrators and Teachers
From: Doug Cervi, Executive Director
New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
Deadline: May 14, 2023

Peace Islands Institute 2023 Art and Essay Contest

Peace Islands Institute (PII) welcomes submissions for its 13th Annual Art & Essay (A&E) Contest. This year's theme is "The Impact of Social Media on Peace-Building."

Consistent with PII's mission of promoting pluralism and bringing people from different backgrounds together, the A&E Contest aims to: (1) bring middle and high school students from around New Jersey together, (2) promote awareness regarding issues of common concern among New Jersey youth, (3) facilitate their personal and academic growth through a healthy competitive environment, and (4) inspire them to make positive change in their communities.

Peace Islands Institute awarded \$5,600 for the 2022 Art and Essay Contest. The recipients were students who are ranked in the top eight of each of the four contest categories.

Key steps/actions

Students in grades 6-12 from the State of New Jersey are eligible to participate. Each student may submit only one work in each category.

1. The participants must send their work by **May 14 at 11:59 p.m.**
2. Winners will be announced on **May 30** via the [Instagram account](#) and [website](#).
3. The awards ceremony time and venue will also be announced via the same platforms.

For more information please visit the Peace Island Institute [website](#).

Contact information

Please visit the Art and Essay [website](#) for more information on previous contests and follow the [Instagram account](#) to stay up to date with the contest announcements.

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