



Sikh Coalition Diversity Essay Competition

The purpose of this essay competition is to examine issues of race, gender and ethnicity that may confront our society at any given time. Our hope is to stimulate young minds to think beyond narrow boundaries that define human beings. We invite young people of all backgrounds to share their views on the following topic:

"Racial, ethnic or religious profiling makes the world secure."

Please argue for or against this position. You may interview or contact individuals of different backgrounds who have been profiled and/or law enforcement agencies who may endorse profiling at times to gain information to support your position.

Send your entries to:

The Sikh Coalition
P.O. Box 7337
Olympia, WA 98507-7337
United States

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2006

Awards:

- First Place: \$1,000.00
- Second Place: \$500.00
- Third Place: \$250.00

Submission Rules

- Your age must be 14 through 19 years based on your age on December 31st, 2004.
- All entries will be considered without regard to race, sex, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, religious affiliation, or disability.
- All entries must contain:
 - The attached application form
 - The Essay with a minimum of 1000 words and a maximum of 1500 words.
- All Essays must be written in English.
- All citations must be properly listed in the bibliography section.
- Attention to grammar, punctuation, spelling and style is expected.
- Please type your full name on the top of the first page of your essay.
- All entries must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2006.
- All entries become the property of the Sikh Coalition and we reserve the right to publish them in their entirety or in part electronically or through the print medium.
- No faxed or emailed entries will be accepted.
- All essays will be judged by a panel of distinguished judges. Their decision will be final and will not be subject to appeal. More Info: <http://www.sikhcoalition.org/essay.asp>



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Application Form

Complete all pages and questions accurately and fully. Please type or print, in black ink, clearly.

Name: _____

Current Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Address valid until: _____

Permanent Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____ Birth Date: _____ Country of birth: _____

Sex _____

How did you hear about the Sikh Coalition Essay Contest? (Please be as specific as possible)

EDUCATION

What type of degree are you pursuing?

What school/university are you currently attending? Graduation date (mo/yr)?

Name of the Principal or Department Chair

Contact Phone Number for school

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above provided information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Additionally, I have read the eligibility requirements and conditions for the Sikh Coalition Essay Contest, and agree to abide by them. I understand that the decision reached by the panel of judges is final.

Applicant Signature / Date

All qualified individuals will be considered without regard to race, sex, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, religious affiliation, or disability. Applications from outside the United States, or those studying abroad will receive equal consideration. Decisions by the judges is final and is not subject to appeal.