

Essay Contest Official Rules:

1. **Eligibility.** This contest is open to all currently enrolled students at Emory University (“Emory”).
2. **Submission.** Essays must be submitted via the IEW Website (www.global.emory.edu/iew) between 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on September 5th and 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on October 3, 2025 (the “Entry Period”). Submissions received after the close of the Entry Period will not be accepted unless the deadline is extended at the sole discretion of the Sponsor. For the purposes of this contest, the official timekeeping shall be based on Emory’s local time zone (EST). Entrants submitting close to the deadline are solely responsible for ensuring timely submission and assume the risk of technical delays or other issues that may prevent successful entry.
2. **Evaluation Criteria.** Essays will be judged based on critical engagement with the essay themes, creativity, organization and structure, and adherence to the rules of the contest.
3. **Agreement with Rules.** Participation in the contest constitutes entrant’s full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding. Winning a prize is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements set forth herein.
4. **No Purchase Necessary.** A PURCHASE OF ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO ENTER THE CONTEST.
5. **Prizes.** Prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up (the “Winner(s)”) in both graduate and undergraduate categories as follows: Graduate Winner – \$500; Undergraduate Winner – \$500; Graduate Runner-Up – \$250; Undergraduate Runner-Up – \$250. If donations are received from the Emory Bookstore or other sponsors, non-monetary prizes may be awarded to honorable mention recipients at the discretion of the Sponsor. Such prizes are not guaranteed and are subject to availability. Any and all prize-related expenses, including without limitation any and all federal, state, and/or local taxes, shall be the sole responsibility of the Winner(s). No substitution, transfer, or assignment of any prize is permitted, nor will any requests for a cash equivalent be honored in the case of non-monetary prizes. Acceptance of a prize constitutes permission for Emory to use the Winner(s)’ name, likeness, and submitted entry for promotional, advertising, and trade purposes in any media, worldwide, without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law.
5. **Rights Granted by You.** By entering the contest, You understand and agree that Emory, anyone acting on behalf of Emory, and Emory’s licensees, successors, and assigns, shall have the right, where permitted by law, to print, publish, broadcast, distribute, edit, perform, display, reproduce, adapt, and otherwise use in any media now known or hereafter developed, in perpetuity and throughout the World, without limitation, your entry, name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness, image, statements about the contest, and biographical information for news, publicity, information, trade, advertising, public

relations, and promotional purposes, without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent. By entering the contest, You represent and warrant that your entry is an original work of authorship, and does not violate any third party's proprietary or intellectual property rights. If your entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another, You will be disqualified at the sole discretion of Emory. If the content of your entry is claimed to constitute infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of any third party, You shall, at your sole expense, defend or settle against such claims. You shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Emory from and against any suit, proceeding, claims, liability, loss, damage, costs or expense, which Emory may incur, suffer, or be required to pay arising out of such infringement or suspected infringement of any third party's right.

6. **Terms & Conditions.** Emory reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest should virus, bug, non-authorized human intervention, fraud, or other cause beyond Emory's control corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the contest. In such case, Emory may select the Winner(s) from all eligible entries received prior to and/or after (if appropriate) the action taken by Emory. Emory reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the contest or website or violates these Terms & Conditions. Any attempt by an entrant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the contest may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such attempt be made, Emory reserves the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law. Emory's failure to enforce any terms of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. All taxes on prizes, if any, are the sole responsibility of each Winner.
7. **Limitation of Liability.** By entering, You agree to release and hold harmless Emory and its subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, representatives, agents, successors, assigns, employees, officers, and directors from any liability, illness, injury, death, loss, litigation, claim, or damage that may occur, directly or indirectly, whether caused by negligence or not, from: (i) such entrant's participation in the contest and/or his/her acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any prize or any portion thereof; (ii) technical failures of any kind, including but not limited to the malfunction of any computer, cable, network, hardware, or software, or other mechanical equipment; (iii) the unavailability or inaccessibility of any transmissions, telephone, or Internet service; (iv) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the entry process or the contest; (v) electronic or human error in the administration of the contest or the processing of entries.
8. **Disputes.** This contest is governed by the laws of the United States of America and the state of Georgia, without respect to conflict of law doctrines. As a condition of participating in this contest, You agree that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between the parties, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this contest, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, exclusively before a court located in the state of Georgia having jurisdiction. Further, in any such dispute, under no circumstances shall You be permitted to obtain awards for, and hereby waive all rights to, punitive, incidental, or consequential damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, other than Your actual out-of-pocket expenses (i.e., costs associated with

entering this contest). You further waive all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

9. **Request for Official Rules and Winner Notification.** To obtain a copy of these Official Rules or for notification of the Winner(s), send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: 1784 North Decatur Rd. Ste 130, Atlanta, GA, 30322. Requests for notification of the Winner(s) must be received no later than three (3) months after the end of the Entry Period.