

## COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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## **Suffolk County Asian-American Advisory Board** **and** **Wellbrook Foundation**

**Present**

### **2023 Social Harmony Writing Contest**

#### **I. Purpose**

The main purpose of this writing contest is for you to come up with ideas on how to promote cultural understanding and social harmony. You are encouraged to write an essay on how to improve the race/ethnic relations in our society. You may use a personal experience/observation, current event, history, literature or other to support your idea.

#### **II. Contest rules**

1. You must be a high school student in Suffolk County (private or public school).
2. The essay must be in English, word processed or typed, double spaced and in Times New Roman and 12 point font. The length of the paper should be between 3 to 5 pages. All entries will become the property of Asian American Advisory Board and will not be returned.
3. In addition to your essay, you also need to submit an application form (visit [suffolkcountyaaab.org](http://suffolkcountyaaab.org) to download the form).
4. Entrant's name should be shown on the last page of the essay. E-mail one application form and one copy of your essay to:

**Thomas.Joy@SuffolkCountyNY.gov**

As an alternative to emailing, you can mail a hard copy to:

Suffolk County Asian American Advisory Board  
Office of Minority Affairs, H. Lee Dennison Building  
100 Veterans Memorial highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788-009

5. Submission deadline: **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

6. All eligible entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- a. Quality of content and adherence to theme
- b. Originality
- c. Writing style and grammar

7. Winners will be announced in the SCAAAB's website [suffolkcountyyaab.org](http://suffolkcountyyaab.org) on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **III. Awards Presentation**

There will be 3 winners picked from the submissions.

1. A certificate of accomplishment will be awarded by the Suffolk County Executive and Asian-American Advisory Board.
2. Monetary award amounts are:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$300
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$200
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$100
3. All winners and their families will be invited to an award ceremony scheduled to take place during the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration on **May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at Thai Cultural Center, 110 Rustic Rd, Centereach, NY 11720.

IV. Direct any questions to [Thomas.Joy@SuffolkCountyNY.gov](mailto:Thomas.Joy@SuffolkCountyNY.gov) or C: 914-473-0206.

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**2023 Social Harmony Writing Contest Application Form**

(Submission Deadline: **05/01/23**).

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yy)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ NY, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on this application is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information on this application will be grounds for disqualification.*

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, visit: [suffolkcountyaaab.org](http://suffolkcountyaaab.org)