

## **125th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration to Hawaii**

### **Essay Contest Guidelines for Applicants**

*Haisai and welcome to our Essay Contest commemorating the 125th Anniversary of Okinawan Immigration to Hawaii! Please read the following items and be sure to follow instructions.*

**Essay Theme:** Perspective on Immigration

**Essay Prompt:** *As you reflect on this year being the 125th Anniversary of Okinawan immigration to Hawaii, write about what immigration means to you?*

**Eligibility Criteria:** High School (Grades 9 - 12)

**Rules and Guidelines:** Write a (700 word maximum) essay answering the prompt above.  
Format: Double Space, 12 Point Font, Times New Roman, 1" Margin

**Submittal Process:** Submit your essay in pdf format via email to [info@huoa.org](mailto:info@huoa.org) no later than Monday, October 6, 2025. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS! The filename of your pdf must have your first and last name.

#### **Judging and Evaluation:**

Judge Selection: Essay will be judged on the writer's personal connection to the overall topic, writing style, grammar, and originality.

#### **Award Ceremony and Recognition:**

Winner Selection: The top three entries will be based on judging scores. The award ceremony will be held at the Kugani Warabi event on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.

#### **Prize:**

The top three winners will each receive a prizes valued at \$125.

#### **Recitation at Event**

The winners of the essay contest will recite her or his essay at the Kugani Warabi event on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center.