

Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics

Purpose	Essay contest to challenge students to analyze important ethical issues that confront a complex world.
Award	
<i>Tenable</i>	Cash prize. No stipulations on how that money is applied.
<i>Number & Amount</i>	Five awards. 1 st Prize: \$5000. 2 nd Prize: \$2500. 3 rd Prize: \$1500. Two Honorable Mentions: \$500 each.
<i>Duration</i>	Depends on how quickly you spend it.
Eligibility	
<i>Who</i>	Any full-time student enrolled at K-State with more than 60 hours completed.
<i>When</i>	Junior or senior status. December graduates may compete in their final semester. Students on study abroad are eligible to submit.
<i>Selection Criteria</i>	Essay must grapple with an ethical/moral matter of contemporary interest. Winning essays will prompt meaningful reflection, have thematic unity and grasp the complexity of the issue. Strong writing skills and a personal voice are key.
Campus Deadline	No internal deadline. However, you must have a faculty sponsor. That person reads your essay and formally endorses its high quality.
Deadline	December or January in recent years.
Application	The essay itself in triplicate. 3,000 to 4,000 words with some format guidelines. Entry form signed by you and a faculty sponsor. Verification of student status.
Contact	Jim Hohenbary can supply a copy of the application and help you brainstorm for topics and/or faculty sponsors. Reach him at 112 Eisenhower or (785) 532-6904.
Other	<p>From the website: <i>The essay may be developed from any point of view and may take the form of an analysis that is biographical, historical, literary, philosophical, psychological, sociological or theological.</i> Some suggestions for possible topics are also listed on the website.</p> <p>Essays from past winners are posted on the website as well. Read them to better understand what sort of essay typically wins.</p> <p>For more information: www.eliewieselfoundation.org</p> <p>Note that the endowment of the Elie Wiesel Foundation was destroyed by Mr. Madoff in 2008-09. The Foundation has indicated that it hopes to continue its work by raising other funds. However (as of July 2009) the financial situation makes the future of this award uncertain.</p>