

# THE ELIE WIESEL PRIZE IN ETHICS

## SUGGESTED TOPICS

*What does your own experience tell you about the relationship between politics and ethics and, in particular, what could be done to make politics more ethical?*

*Articulate with clarity an issue that you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself.*

*From a personal viewpoint, how does globalization impact your view of the Other in society and in the world?*

*Clearly analyze the relationship between religion and ethics in today's world.*

*How does a recent political or cultural event shed light on the ethics of rebellion/revolution?*

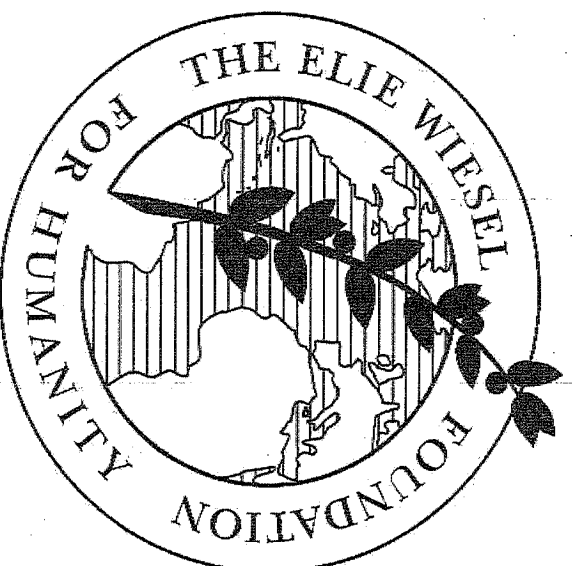
**S**ince 1989, The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity has sponsored the Prize in Ethics Essay Contest. This annual competition – now in its 20th year – is designed to challenge college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's complex world. Students are encouraged to write thought-provoking personal essays that raise questions, single out issues and are rational arguments for ethical action. This year's suggested questions are listed above.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked by Friday, December 19, 2008. No faxed or e-mailed submissions will be accepted.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Registered undergraduate, full-time juniors and seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States during the fall 2008 semester.

**ESSAY FORMAT:** In 3,000 to 4,000 words, students are asked to raise questions, single out issues and identify dilemmas. The essay may take the form of an analysis that is biographical, historical, literary, philosophical, sociological or theological. Essays may be written in the formal or informal voice, but most importantly, an individual voice should be represented within the essay. Essays must be the original, unpublished work of the student and only one essay per student per contest year may be submitted.

**SUBMISSION:** Students must complete a Contest Entry Form and have it signed by their Faculty Sponsor. Any interested professor may act as a Faculty Sponsor and endorse the quality and authenticity of the student's essay. In addition, students are asked to include a letter from their Registrar's Office verifying their eligibility.



**JUDGING:** Submissions are judged anonymously. Therefore, no name or identifying references should appear on the title page or anywhere in the manuscript. A distinguished panel of readers will evaluate all contest entries and a jury, including Elie Wiesel, will choose the winners. Winners will be announced in May of 2009.

**RIGHTS OF PUBLICATION:** The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity reserves the right to publish all prize-winning essays. Essays may not be published elsewhere without written permission from the Foundation. Entrants are advised to keep a copy of their essays. Due to the volume of entries received, no materials will be critiqued or returned.

**RECENT PRIZE-WINNING SCHOOLS:**  
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**AN ENTRY FORM AND DETAILED GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:**  
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*Deadline December 19, 2008. Open to Full-time Juniors and Seniors.*

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**FIRST PRIZE: \$5,000**

**SECOND PRIZE: \$2,500**

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**TWO HONORABLE MENTIONS: \$500 EACH**

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