

**AHEPA**

# Essay Competition

## **4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AHEPA ESSAY COMPETITION**

Sponsored by AHEPA Chapter #98

**ELIGIBILITY:** College Students and High School Juniors & Seniors from the Saint Barbara Parish.

**AWARDS:** Winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement and monetary prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> place, \$500 • 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$250, in each category

### **ESSAY TOPICS:**

**COLLEGE STUDENTS:** "When is technology good?" In recent years, there have been several technological leaps, all presuming to improve the world and address societal challenges, namely, artificial intelligence and deep learning, voice and facial recognition, nuclear fusion, the James Webb telescope imaging in the infrared, new renewable energy devices, remote sensing of animal behavior, genetic mapping, and multiple social media software. Identify at least three features of a new technology that would mark it as being of benefit to the users and potentially fulfilling long-term needs. Give examples.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** In our Christian faith, mercy holds a very high place among human virtues. Additionally, obeying rules, whether civic, legal, or religious, is a social virtue that marks us as a responsible and lawful society. Can these two virtues come to conflict with each other, and when this happens, which of the two might you elevate above the other? Give examples.

### **CRITERIA:**

- (a) Length of Essay between 500 and 750 words (1 to 1.5 Page)
- (b) to the extent possible, connect Essay ideas to the personal and social values of AHEPA (faith, reason, excellence, education, truth, joy of life, free mind, individual freedom, philanthropy).

**SUBMISSION:** Completed Essay must be submitted by February 28, 2023.

Submit Essay to AHEPA Chapter 98, accompanied by a page with personal information: name, age and year in High School or College, postal and e-mail address, and name of school.

The submission can be sent by e-mail to one of the contacts listed below, or by postal mail to AHEPA Chapter 98, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT 06477. In the latter case, mark "AHEPA Essay Competition" on the back of the envelope.

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**Historical Note:** AHEPA was established in 1922 by a group of A Greek-Americans in Atlanta, Georgia to counter ethnic discrimination against new immigrants. Currently, there are more than 400 AHEPA Chapters throughout the USA, Canada, Australia and Europe, including Greece.

Since its inception, AHEPA has undertaken a huge number of philanthropic endeavors in this country and in Greece. Local Ahepa Chapter #98, with its home base on the Saint Barbara Church campus, was established in 1926.