

EDDIE AIKAU FOUNDATION & HAWAIIAN AIRLINES PRESENT THE
2023 EDDIE AIKAU ESSAY CONTEST

EDDIE WOULD GO

GRADE LEVEL CASH AWARDS

1ST PLACE **\$500**

2ND PLACE **\$350**

3RD PLACE **\$250**

HONORABLE MENTION (2) \$100 EACH

Language Categories:

1) ENGLISH - Awards given to winners in each grade level

2) HAWAIIAN - Grade Levels combined for awards

(see website for Hawaiian translation of the prompt)

FOR PUBLIC & PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, IN GRADES 7-10, INCLUDING THOSE DOING "DISTANCE LEARNING" AND BEING HOMESCHOOLED

Eddie Aikau was a well-known Hawaiian big wave surfer and a respected City & County Lifeguard at Waimea Bay on the North Shore of Oahu, where he often risked his life to make sure the beaches were safe for everyone. In 1978 he made the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life in a heroic attempt to save the crew of the Polynesian Voyaging Canoe *Hokule'a*, when it capsized in rough seas.

Eddie faced many challenges in his life but with persistence & perseverance he was successful in overcoming them.

Ho'omau is the Hawaiian value of perseverance and persistence.

How was *Ho'omau* reflected in Eddie Aikau's life and his actions? Give supporting examples.

How has *Ho'omau* played a role in your life? Give supporting examples.

POSTMARK OR EMAIL DEADLINE

Submit Signed Student Applications & Completed Essays by:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2023

Student Winners will be notified by:

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

For essay contest guidelines visit: eddieaikaufoundation.org

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