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Essay Contest Rules on Overseas Filipinos

A. Eligibility

This contest is open to all Filipino students or of Filipino descent who are studying in the Philippines or overseas, ages 10 to 25 years old who are currently enrolled in high school and college.

B. Theme

The theme of the essay is **“The Overseas Filipinos and their impact in the Philippines.”**

The essay should focus on:

1. The contributions of overseas Filipinos to the economy of the Philippines. The importance of the participation of overseas Filipinos in the Philippine elections.
2. What are the social risks that the children and families of overseas Filipinos face due to long years of separation or long distance relationships?
3. Why are the overseas Filipinos called to be the “new heroes” of the Philippines? Please describe the traits of overseas Filipinos which make them unique as global immigrants and Overseas Filipino Workers.

Contestants are encouraged to read books, publications, and the Internet on various articles regarding the theme.

C. Content and Format

1. It must be original;
2. It must not be previously published in print or online nor in any visual and/or auditory recording; and
3. The essay must not be more than 1,500 typed words in English and in MS word format. It should be submitted by email only.

D. Submission

1. Every student entry must contain the confirmation of the School Principal, College/University Dean or President that the essay is written by and originated from the student. (Please see Official Entry Form below)



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT (please print)

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Age: _____ **Date of Birth (month/day/year):** _____ **Grade:** _____ **Year:** _____ **Course:** _____

Address: Apt./ House No. _____ Street: _____

Town/City: _____ **State/Province:** _____ **Country:** _____ **Postal/Zip Code:** _____

Email address: _____ **Telephone/Cellphone No:** (____) _____ - _____

School/College/University

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Telephone No: (____) _____ - _____ **Cell Phone No.:** (____) _____ - _____

Referring Teacher/Professor Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

How did you hear about this essay contest? Please check that applies:

TV Radio Newspapers Email Friend USP4GG website Other: _____

Why did you join this essay contest? _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DEAN OR PRESIDENT

CONFIRMATION

The undersigned highly recommends _____ to participate in the USP4GG Essay Contest on Overseas Filipinos

Name of Student

and confirms that the essay is written by and originated from this student.

Principal/College/ University Dean or President (in print) _____ **Signature** _____

Name of School/College/University _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Cellphone No :** _____ **Email Address:** _____ **Date:** _____

Only one entry per person will be accepted and limited to one author. The entry must have the following:

- A. Title Page which includes the Name, Date and Place of Birth; Email address if applicable.
- B. The Essay
- C. Entry Form which is available at www.uspgg.org
- D. Parental Consent, Authorization and Liability Waiver Form (for minor student)
- E. Student Consent, Authorization and Liability Waiver Form (for adult student)
- F. Signature of the School Principal, College or University President or Dean, address, email address and telephone number to authenticate the student entry.

2. Entry will be submitted as attachments via email to overseasfilipinosessay@yahoo.com with the **Subject: USP4GG Essay Contest on Overseas Filipinos.**

3. Only valid entries (completion and submission of **Entry Form and Essay**) will be accepted and reviewed. Submissions will be open from December 31, 2014 to February 1, 2015. Applicants will receive an acknowledgment of submission by email. Late and incomplete entries will be disqualified.

E. Criteria for Judging

1. A panel of judges, selected by the US Pinoys for Good Governance (USP4GG) Ad Hoc Committee for Essay Contest on Overseas Filipinos, will make the final decision.
2. The following criteria for judging are as follows: Substance-60% * Writing style/Composition/Organization- 40%

F. Awards and Prizes

The winning essays will be announced in the newspapers and at USP4GG website by February 15, 2015. Winners will be notified by email. Awards ceremony will be held during the Third Global Summit of Filipinos in the Diaspora on February 26, 2015, at Manila Hotel, Manila, Philippines. The winners will be awarded a **Certificate of Recognition** and cash prizes in the different categories as follows:

High School :	* First Prize- P12,000.00	* Second Prize- P6,000.00	*Third Prize-P 3,000.00
College:	* First Prize- P25,000.00	* Second Prize- P12,000.00	*Third Prize-P6,000.00

There will be 10 Consolation Prizes of P1,000.00 each and a Certificate of Appreciation. Winners under this category do not need to be in the awards ceremony.

The school/college/university of the First Prize winning essays will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a cash prize of P10,000.00 each.

Expenses to be incurred in attending the awards ceremony such as transportation, food and lodging will be the winner's responsibility. Winners will be contacted for the details of the awards ceremony. Winners who will not be able to attend the awards ceremony will be notified by email on how to claim the prizes.

G. Others

1. The USP4GG may use or publish in part or in whole the essays submitted by the applicants consistent with its mandate and objectives.

Please direct any questions or inquiries regarding this contest to:

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US Pinoys for Good Governance Essay Contest on Overseas Filipinos

PARENTAL CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION and LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

The undersigned _____, hereby grants permission to the participation of my son/daughter _____, in the US Pinoys for Good Governance (USP4GG) Essay Contest on Overseas Filipinos, which is commencing on December 31, 2014 and continuing through February 1, 2015.

The undersigned further authorizes the _____ and US Pinoys for Good Governance, its officers, members, agents, partners, sponsors and others acting on its behalf, to edit, publish (in print, online, auditory and video recording) use and reproduce the essay, photographs and quotes, take photographs/video and conduct interviews pertaining to my child for nonprofit use such as educational and public awareness purposes without compensation.

The undersigned further waives any and all claims against and fully releases _____ and the US Pinoys for Good Governance, their respective administrators, teachers/professors, employees, officers, members, partners, sponsors, agents and donors from any claims, damages, liabilities whatsoever resulting from and in connection with the above mentioned contest and use of materials submitted.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian) **Date:** _____

Address of Parent/Guardian _____

Telephone No. _____ Cellular Phone No.: _____

Email Address: _____



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STUDENT CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION and LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

The undersigned _____, hereby agrees to participate in the US Pinoys
Name of Student (please print)
for Good Governance (USP4GG) Essay Contest on Overseas Filipinos, which is commencing on December 31,
2014 and continuing through February 1, 2015.

The undersigned further authorizes the _____ and US Pinoys
Name of School/College/University
for Good Governance, its officers, members, agents, partners, sponsors and others acting on its behalf, to edit,
publish (in print, online, auditory and video recording) use and reproduce my essay, photographs and quotes, take
my photographs/video and conduct interviews for nonprofit use such as educational and public awareness purposes
without compensation.

The undersigned further waives any and all claims against and fully releases _____ and
Name of School/College/University
the US Pinoys for Good Governance, their respective administrators, teachers/professors, employees , officers,
members, partners, sponsors, agents and donors from any claims, damages, liabilities whatsoever resulting from and
in connection with the above mentioned contest and use of materials submitted.

(Signature of Student) **Date:** _____

Address of Student _____

Telephone No. _____ Cellular Phone No.: _____

Email Address: _____