

HANDS ALONG THE NILE
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
(HANDS)

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THE 2009 ESSAY CONTEST

Applicants are required to submit an essay
(no more than 2,500 words) on the following
topic:

How is community development in the
Middle East important to the U.S.?
Why is it particularly crucial to focus on
Egypt?

AWARDS:

FIRST PRIZE \$5,000

SECOND PRIZE: \$2,500

THIRD PRIZE: \$1,500

Two Honorable Mentions: \$500 each

See www.handsalongthenile.org for complete
eligibility and submission details!

DEADLINE: JULY 4, 2009



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Purpose: HANDS is looking for students to articulate the importance of our work in the form of an essay. Information about HANDS' work can be found at www.handsalongthenile.org.

Topic: Address the following questions in the form of an essay. References to specific programs, including HANDS', are encouraged.

- How is community development* in the Middle East important to the U.S.? Why is it particularly crucial to focus on Egypt?

Awards:

- First Prize: \$5,000
- Second Prize: \$2,500
- Third Prize: \$1,500
- Two Honorable Mentions: \$500 each

Eligibility: Must be a registered full-time graduate or undergraduate student at an accredited college or university in the United States at the time of entry. Must be a US citizen. High school students or graduate students entering college, or starting graduate studies in the fall of 2009 are also eligible for entry into the contest.

Contest Rules and Regulations:

1. Each essay must reflect the contestant's own research, writing, and original thinking.
2. Only one essay may be submitted by each contestant.
3. Include a letter on school stationery from the Registrar's Office, verifying your eligibility. If you are a high school student entering college in the fall, you may instead include a copy of your admissions letter.
4. The body of the paper should not be more than 2,500 words.
5. Papers may include text and graphics.
6. Essay should be titled, typed in 12-point font, double-spaced with 1" margins and numbered pages.
7. If outside material is referenced, please utilize standard MLA or APA format.

8. The body of the paper must not identify the author to allow for anonymous judging.
9. Required Cover Sheet Information: Title, Author Name, Address, Phone Number, Email, School Affiliation and Status (undergraduate or graduate).
10. All entries become the property of Hands Along the Nile Development Services and will not be returned. Entries may be used in future publications of HANDS' newsletter and other materials.

Judging: Essay submissions will be judged based on multiple aspects of style and content. All judging by HANDS is final.

Submission of Materials: In addition to the eligibility notification letter from the Registrar's Office, please submit two stapled copies of the essay with attached cover sheet to:

HANDS Along the Nile Development Services, Inc.

1601 N. Kent Street, Suite 1014 Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: 703-875-9370 Fax: 703-875-9371

www.handsalongthenile.org

Questions?: contest@handsalongthenile.org

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(Postmarked by July 4th, 2009

Winners announced by September 4, 2009)

*Community development consists of community-driven action that is geared toward improving economic, social, cultural, and environmental conditions of underserved populations. It is a process of empowering the community to sustain progressive practices and effect change in such areas as education, healthcare, and job creation.