



Student Essay Contest

for middle/jr. high and
high school students

UTAH NAME

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Engaging and Honoring Students' Intersecting Identities

The *hoku Hawaii* is a beautiful hybrid flower created when scientists crossed two differing plant strains. The *hoku Hawaii* gets its long stem and sunburst shape from one parent, while exhibiting the pigmentation and large flower size of its second parent. However, its fiery red-orange color is a beautiful characteristic all its own.

Just as the *hoku Hawaii* flower is unique because of multiple influences on its identity, how has your identity been shaped by both your inherited influences (i.e. heritage, parents, grandparents, family members, home culture, home language, race etc.) and outside influences (i.e. teachers, mentors, community members, friends, school culture, the media, societal expectations etc.). How have these various influences come together to shape the unique person you are?

Tell your story in writing and be eligible to receive a scholarship to use for your education after high school. Written stories should be a maximum of 500 words and can be written in the language of your choice.

Teachers: If you have your classes write an essay as an assignment, please read, select, and submit the top three essays (with corresponding cover page) to the school counselor for scholarship consideration.

DUE DATE: Friday, February 12, by 12 noon

Submit written essays and cover page electronically to marliesbh@yahoo.com

2016 Utah NAME Annual Conference

Saturday, February 27th, Salt Lake Community College – Main Campus (4600 S Redwood Road)

\$100 Scholarship awarded to Middle/Jr. High Winners

\$500 Scholarship awarded to High School Winners

Essay Cover Sheet

Student name (first, last): _____

Student email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Middle School

Junior High School

Senior High School

Parent name (first, last): _____

Parent email: _____

Principal name: _____

Principal email: _____

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Essay received	
Respondent notified of receipt	
Essay score	
Respondent notified of status	
Parent notified of status (winning essay)	
Principal notified of status (winning essay)	