

DAWN AGAINST TRAFFICKING

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY/ARTICLE COMPETITION

Prizes

1st Place: \$150

2nd Place: \$100

3rd Place: \$50

The **Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Essay Competition** provides students with an opportunity to raise awareness, share insights, and propose solutions to combat human trafficking. This scholarship aims to inspire critical thinking and action among young individuals, empowering them to contribute to the global fight against this pressing issue. Participants will not only gain knowledge about human trafficking but also have the chance to earn scholarships to support their educational goals.

For questions or clarifications, please contact abilas.sivakumar@thedawn.ca

Essay Prompts (Choose One):

1. How can communities work together to prevent human trafficking?
 2. What roles do education and awareness play in combating human trafficking?
Should the subject be introduced in schools? If so, now?
 3. How can we better support human trafficking survivors? What resources are needed?
 4. What are common misconceptions about human trafficking, and how can we overcome them?
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5. What innovative strategies could be used to eradicate human trafficking in the modern world? List one recent technology that you think would make a positive impact.

General Rules and Submission Guidelines:

- **Eligibility:** Open to students ages 14–18.
- **Format:** Essays must follow **MLA format**, including:
 - Typed, double-spaced
 - 12-point Times New Roman font
 - 1-inch margins
 - Proper heading and title
- **Length:** Maximum **600 words** (excluding citations).
- **Citations:** Properly cite any sources referenced in **MLA style**.
- **Submission Deadline:** All essays must be submitted by **March 14, 2026**.
- **Submission Method:** Email essays as a **PDF or Word Document attachment** to abilas.sivakumar@thedawn.ca with the subject line: "Essay Competition Submission – [Your Name]". OR can be filled out and attached to the form on our website
- **Judging Criteria:** Essays will be evaluated based on originality, clarity, relevance to the topic, and overall impact.
- **Notification of Winners:** Winners will be notified by **Late April to Early June**

Key Criteria to Follow

- **Original Work Only:** Essays must be entirely original and written by the participant. No AI-generated content is allowed. Submissions will be checked for plagiarism.
- **No Collaboration:** Essays must be written individually. Group submissions will not be accepted.
- **Rights to Content:** By submitting an essay, participants grant the organization the right to publish or share their work, with credit given to the author.
- **Disqualification:** Any violation of the rules, including plagiarism or AI-generated content, will result in immediate disqualification.

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- **Scholarship Disbursement:** Winners must provide valid identification and required details for prize distribution.
 - **Decision is Final:** Judges' decisions regarding winners and rankings are final and cannot be appealed.