

Press Release
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*** 2016 ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ***

The **Tagore Society of Houston**, a non profit 501-C3 organization, invites 2016 High School Seniors to its annual essay contest focused on the philosophy and works of the great Indian Nobel Laureate Rabindra Nath Tagore.

How to Apply:

Contestants will review a famous quote from Tagore and write an essay based on its relevance to current times and how it can help today's society. The primary objective of this contest is to promote "borderless thinking" and the enduring insights from one of the world's greatest poets as our seniors step out onto their own world stage.

The Essay Topic and submission instructions are attached or can be downloaded from www.tagoresociety.org immediately.

Submission Deadline is October 16, 2016, 12 midnight. All submissions will be on-line through the website. Winners will be notified latest by January 30, 2017. The Award ceremony date, place and time will be announced later.

Contest Prizes:

Three prizes will be awarded in the following amounts: \$800, \$400 and \$300 for the top three submissions. All 3 winners will receive Certificates of Achievement.

Eligibility:

- High school seniors of good standing currently attending school in the United States
- Scholarships are conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university
- Children/Relatives of Tagore Society of Houston Executive body and Advisors are NOT eligible to apply.

The essays will be judged by an independent panel consisting of eminent poets, authors, newspaper editors & persons living in the US.

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Tagore Society of Houston (TSH)
2016 High School Seniors Essay Contest
Essay Topic and Instructions

Rabindranath Tagore was a prodigious Poet, Playwright, Essayist, and Philosopher, who in 1913 became the first Asian winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature based on a book of poems called the "Gitanjali". During his life time he traveled to all continents promoting the ideal of a world without borders, life dedicated to service and unity of all existence. 2011 marked his 150th birth anniversary, celebrated world wide in many countries, and 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the first publication of Gitanjali.

One of his more famous quotes is given below:

"Bigotry tries to keep truth safe in its hand with a grip that kills it"

Review the above quote and write in 1000 words or less an essay based on what it may mean to you personally and its relevance to current time. Participants are strongly encouraged to refer to Tagore's works for reference. Some links to his works are provided below for easy reference.

Complete Works of Tagore online

<http://tagoreweb.in>

The Centre of Indian Culture by Tagore:

<http://tagoreweb.in/Render/ShowContent.aspx?ct=Essays&bi=72EE92F5-BE50-40D7-9E6E-0F7410664DA3&ti=72EE92F5-BE50-4FE7-FE6E-0F7410664DA3>

http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/literature/laureates/1913/tagore-article.html

The Essays however will be judged primarily on creativity, focus and language skills.

The deadline for submission is **Midnight October 16, 2016**. Winners will be notified latest by January 30, 2017.

Instructions for Submission:

The essays must be typed using common word processing or text editing software such as MS Word and submitted as an e-mail attached file to essaycontest@tagoresociety.org.

The first page of the submittal must include the following heading & submitter personal information:

Heading: TSH 2016 High School Seniors Tagore Essay Contest

Name of Student:

e-mail of Student (if available):

Contact Phone No. of Student:

Name of High School:

Name of HS Principal:

Phone no. of HS Principal:

e-mail address of HS Principal:

Name of College to be attended (if available):

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All Information must be supplied. Please contact the essay sponsors if some information cannot be supplied.

For additional information go to www.tagoresociety.org, or call: Neeta Shetkar: (281)-795-2603

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