



USTA Foundation NJTL Network FAQ

2024 USTA Foundation Essay Contest Presented by Deloitte Frequently Ask Questions Contestants and Chapters

What are the Essay questions this year?

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In your opinion, who is the Greatest Of All Time and why?

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What qualities & attributes elevate an individual to the Greatest Of All Time? Who do you consider the Greatest Of All Time in your life? Share a personal story about this individual and describe how they impacted you.

How do I submit my essay?

This year, all contestants will submit essays online! Your local NJTL chapter will provide you with a QR code or URL to take you to an online portal where you must submit your essay.

You must type your essay into the space provided in the online portal. Only 500 words will be accepted.

Visit your local NJTL chapter to receive your chapter's unique QR code or URL so you can type and submit your essay.

Can I write my essay on paper?

Your final essay **MUST** be submitted online via the space provided via the NJTL chapter's unique QR code or URL. We suggest writing drafts of your essay on paper, or on a digital document and then typing a final draft essay into the space provided for your final submission. As with the USTA Foundation's scholarship and college applications, this year's NJTL National Essay Contest submission must all be entered online. Visit your NJTL to get the chapter's unique QR code or URL to access the submission page.

How will I know that my essay was submitted correctly?

Once you press submit, you will see a webpage that confirms the entry. Once you submit your essay, your NJTL Chapter will be able to see the entries and validate that you are an NJTL student. You can check with your local chapter leader to ensure everything is submitted if you need extra confirmation.

How do I submit my Essay Contest Entry Form?

In addition to your online submitted essay, you must also submit an Essay Contest Entry Form. Your signed physical copy (paper) Essay Contest Form must be completed, signed, and turned into your NJTL Chapter. They will then verify your essay submission and that your Essay Contest Entry Form is completed.

If I win, when will I be notified?

Winners will be notified by July 30, 2024.

When is the deadline to submit my essay and Essay Contest Entry Form?

The deadline to submit your essay via the online portal is June 11, 2024, 11:59 pm EDT.

When are the New York trip dates for the Essay Contest winners?

The ten national winners will visit New York City from August 21 to August 24, 2024. Each winner may bring one adult chaperone. Flights, hotels, and meals are included, as provided for under the Official Contest Rules.

What if I use the wrong link to submit my essay?

Please contact your local NJTL leader for assistance or contact njtl@usta.com.

Can I write more than 500 words?

No. The Essay is limited to 500 words. Only 500 words will be accepted!

When is the essay contest webinar for NJTL Chapters?

This year's Essay Contest Webinar will be on Thursday, April 4, 1 pm—2 pm EDT. The intended audience is Chapter Leaders, Educational Specialists, and any professional supporting the students' writing process. Dr. Jennifer Winward of Winward Academy, a USTA Foundation education provider, will present again this year. The webinar will provide practical support for leaders, professionals, and educators as they implement the essay contest for their NJTL students.

Recordings will be available for those unable to attend live.

Where can I find the Official Contest Rules?

The Official Contest Rules to the 2024 USTA Foundation National Essay Contest can be found here: https://www.ustafoundation.com/essay_question_and_rules/. This FAQ is provided as an overview;

however, for additional information as to the entire process, timeline, and requirements please see the Official Contest Rules.

