

Tell Your Story About Your Dad!

(The good, the bad, & everything in between)

Essay Contest

Awards

- First place \$150, second place \$100 and third place \$50.
- Also awarded are four “honorable mention” awards of \$25 gift certificates.
- Winners will be announced during late spring or early summer.
- Essay winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony at a date and venue TBD (to be determined) and their essays will be posted on the State Commission on Fatherhood website (note: the on-line posting of winners names will be on basis of first name and last name initial only).
- Submission of an essay does not guarantee an award.

Essay Requirements

- Length: between 1,000 and 1,250 words (participant contact information is not included in the total word count).
- Spacing: Typed using double line spacing.
- Font: 12 point font size.
- Margins: 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left and right).
- Page Numbering: Page numbered (upper right).
- Your identification: Your full name must appear on every page next to the page number.
- Text: The essay must be your own original, unpublished work and must not include any third-party copyrighted material. By entering the competition, you agree that your submission is your own work.
- No profanity allowed.
- Deadline: Your essay must be submitted electronically no later than 4PM on February 14, 2016. Late entries will not be accepted.

Scoring

- Entries will be judged by a panel that includes members of the State Commission on Fatherhood.
- Essay scoring will be based on content (content is relevant to the contest, it contains authentic thoughts and feelings, regardless of whether these are positive or negative), organization (has a clear sense of order, has supporting points), development (develops each point with specific details), and use of language (accurate word choice, no major grammatical or spelling errors).

Essay Submission Requirements

- Essay must meet all competition requirements in order to be considered for any award.
- Submit your entry by emailing it to fatherhood.contest.hawaii@gmail.com. You also need to email a completed entry form (see link). Write SCF Essay Contest in the subject line of your email.
- Only submissions accompanied by the completed entry form will be accepted.
- Multiple entries are not allowed.

Eligibility Criteria

- A participant can submit only one essay for this annual contest.
- Each participant is eligible for one award for this annual contest.