

TPIU Compassion Essay/Video Contest Rules

Effective: November 7, 2020

Deadline: April 7, 2021

Section 1- General Rules

From November 7, 2020, through April 7, 2021 The TPIU Foundation will conduct an essay/video contest in the state of Connecticut focusing on the principle of compassion in healthcare. To enter, students must submit entries to stephanie.paulmeno@tpiu.org or through the [TPIU Web site](#) We will not accept or consider entries that are mailed in. Entrants agree to accept and be bound by all terms of these Official Rules and Regulations and be bound by the decisions of the TPIU Foundation whose decisions are final with respect to all matters of the Contest. Only one entry per student is permitted. Entries that are incomplete; are submitted late, do not address the subject of compassion in healthcare or otherwise do not comply with these Official Rules and Regulations will not be accepted. By entering the Contest, entrants agree that the TPIU Foundation will perpetually own and administer 100% of the copyright in all entries submitted, and that their entries are of original and individual work. Entries will only be used to further the educational mission and goals of the TPIU Foundation.

Section II- Eligibility

The contest is open to all undergraduate students in a health-related field in a school located in Connecticut.

Section III -Submission Guidelines

Each submission must adhere to the subject of compassion in healthcare. Each essay submission must adhere to the 500-word limit and each video must adhere to the three-minute limit and must be submitted by 11:59 ET on February 7, 2020. Only online submissions will be accepted for the contest. Only one essay or one video per student will be accepted.

Section IV- Judging and Timing

After the Contest Period, the judges selected by the TPIU Foundation will review and select finalist from all the eligible entries received. The judges will then select the prizewinners. Entries will be evaluated based upon the following criteria: adherence to the Submission Guidelines as stated in Section III, originality, organization, writing/video style and depth of analysis. Winners will be announced on the contest site by April 7, 2021. The TPIU Foundation reserves the right in their sole administration of the Contest to disqualify any individual they find or believe to: [i] be tampering with the entry process or the administration of the Contest, [ii] by acting in violation of these Official Rules and Regulations, or [iii] plagiarizing content in any form. The discretion of the judges is within the sole and absolute discretion of the TPIU Foundation. The judges who are selected by the TPIU Foundation will not have a direct connection to the student who has submitted the entry or be in a position to affect the objectivity and impartiality of any judge with respect to a submission. The judges reserve the right to award fewer than the stated number of awards if there is not a sufficient number of entries meeting the stated criteria.

Section V- Awards

Winners will be announced on the contest site on April 7, 2021. Winners will receive the following prizes based upon the judges' evaluations as outlined in Section IV. First place winners in the essay and video contest will receive \$500.00; second place winners in the essay and video contest will receive \$300.00; third place winners in the essay and video contest will receive \$150.00. Prizes will be awarded within seven days of the close of the contest. Winners are responsible for any tax liability (city, state, federal or local taxes) related to the award.

Section VI- Privacy Statement

Upon submission of an entry, the submission becomes the property of the TPIU Foundation and entrants give the TPIU Foundation permission to use their respective names in publishing the winning entries on the website unless it is specifically stated in writing that names are not to be used.

Section VII-Availability Disclaimer

The administration of the Contest, including, without limitation, determining the eligibility of a student or entry, selecting of a judge, evaluating any submitted entry, and awarding of the prizes, is within the sole and absolute discretion of the TPIU Foundation. No student has a right to appeal, contest, dispute, or otherwise challenge any aspect of the administration of the Contest, and any decision of the TPIU Foundation is final in all respects. If, for any reason, the Contest is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes beyond the control of the TPIU Foundation, which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this contest or for any reason the TPIU Foundation deems it necessary, the TPIU Foundation reserves the right to cancel, modify or delay the Contest.

Section VIII- Nondiscrimination Policy

In administering the Contest, the TPIU Foundation will not discriminate in any manner, including based on race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual preference, sexual orientation, color, national or ethnic origin.