



## Association of Indians in America South Jersey (AIA-SJ) Chapter

**2023**

### **Mahatma Gandhi Art & Writing Contest**

*Theme for the 2023 Contest:*

***“The future depends on what you do today.” - Mahatma Gandhi***

***Open to all New Jersey Middle and High School Students***

***Cash prizes of \$250 to \$50 for each category.***

***Signed Entries on Attached form due by June 16, 2023***

In 2023, AIA-SJ will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mahatma Gandhi Award contest for New Jersey students. Over these years several thousand NJ middle and high school students have participated in the competition and the AIA-SJ has recognized hundreds for their outstanding work in interpreting and expressing Mahatma Gandhi's ideas to make our world and ourselves better.

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AIA-SJ invites all New Jersey middle and high school students to submit their original works, written or art, based on the following Gandhi quotation for the 2023 Contest:

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### **Key Guidelines and Rules for Participation:**

1. Open to ALL Middle and High School students from New Jersey.
2. Entries must be submitted with the attached form duly signed by teacher or guidance counselor.
3. Mailing Address '**AIA-SJ, 60 Milburn Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08844**'
4. Art Entries must not be smaller than 12 inches by 18 inches and should have
  - Required Title of the work
  - Required artist statement (Explain how your work relates to the theme. (Max 100 words)
  - Required description of the medium used like oil on canvas, crayons, etc.
  - Place the Student Entry Form in a sheet protector and secure it with masking tape to the back of the artwork. Do not tape over the opening of the sheet protector.
5. Length of Short Essay: Between 300 and 500 words.
6. Length of Poem: Between 30 and 50 lines.
7. Each page of written entry should have the name of contestant in the header.
8. Entries post marked after June 15, 2021 will not be evaluated.
9. Essay/poem entries can also be emailed to the following email address '**aiasjcontest@gmail.com**'. In the email do not forget to include all the information requested on the entry form to get your essay or poem evaluated.
10. **Do not email art entries.** Original art work should be mailed.
11. All entries become the property of AIA-SJ and will not be returned.
12. AIA-SJ reserves all rights to utilize these entries in AIA publications, displays or in any other setting.
13. Cash awards ranging from \$250 to \$50 will be awarded to the highest rated entries in each category and for both Middle & High School participants. AIA-SJ decision on the selection of the award winners is final and cannot be appealed.
14. A total of up to 30 selected contestants may be recognized and will be required to attend the award ceremony scheduled for October 2023 (date to be decided)

AIA is one of the oldest associations representing Indian-Americans in the United States. AIA-SJ is a not for profit organization committed in spreading Gandhi's message of peace, non- violence and racial harmony.

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