2020 THEME
RACIAL JUSTICE: REALITIES AND POSSIBILITIES

THIS NATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ESSAY COMPETITION
is open to college seniors attending institutions in the U.S. This competition is intended to amplify historically underrepresented voices and perspectives on issues of societal import, and to encourage thoughtful reflection and critical thinking about ethical concepts as they are encountered personally and as members of society committed to social justice.

This competition is organized by Fordham University’s Center for Ethics Education and Master of Arts program in Ethics and Society, and is funded by Fordham’s Office of the Chief Diversity Officer and a generous gift in honor of Helen and Norman Burg.

PRIZES
First place: $1,000
Second place: $500
Third place: $300
Winning essays will be featured on the Center for Ethics Education’s website and Ethics and Society Blog.

ESSAY CRITERIA
Essays should identify and analyze ethical issues or dilemmas related to the annual theme, Racial Justice: Realities and Possibilities. Essays should demonstrate the student’s understanding of, and commitment to, racial justice within a thorough discussion of the central ethical concepts, principles, or values at play, and their relevance to the issue at hand. Students are encouraged to (a) draw on a variety of philosophical, theological, humanistic, and scientific perspectives, and (b) discuss how their analysis is informed by their personal experiences, and the shared experiences of family, friends, and other members of their communities.

ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION
• Submissions should be uploaded here
• Essays should be 1,250 - 2,000 words (excluding references)
• Essays should include a title, and the author’s name
• Essays should be original, and written by the applicant; attribution and references to quoted/paraphrased materials must be included, as appropriate
• Applicant must be a currently-enrolled senior at an accredited 4-year college or university in the U.S. (expected graduation between Dec. 2020 and Aug. 2021)
• Essays written for a class requirement are acceptable, but this must be acknowledged in the submission form
• Applicant may only submit one essay for consideration

SUBMISSIONS DUE
DECEMBER 1, 2020

For more information and complete details about this competition, visit fordham.edu/ethicsandsociety and contact Associate Director for Academic Programs, Steve Swartz, Ph.D., at sswartz@fordham.edu