



North American Basic Income
Guarantee Congress

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

This year is the first high school essay contest in honor of the 19th North American Basic Income Guarantee (NABIG) Congress. All high school students in the U.S. and Canada are invited to enter! **The deadline is Friday, May 21, 2021. The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 28, 2021.**

The winner will earn a **cash prize of \$300** and be invited to appear virtually at the NABIG Congress on June 17th-19th 2021, where the prize will be awarded. **There will be TWO (2) winners - one from Canada and one from the United States.**

Essay Requirements:

- Essay should be 2-3 pages, double spaced, 1" margins, 12-point font.
- Essay **must be under 1000 words** & written in English.
- Any sources quoted or paraphrased should be cited in a list of references using some standard reference style, such as APA. (References are exempt from the word count.)
- Essay should address at least one of the following prompts:
 1. Should your country have a universal basic income? Why or why not?
 2. Should there be a world basic income? If so, should this take priority over a universal basic income for your country? Why or why not?
 3. How does basic income intersect with the aims and strategies of other social movements working for racial, social, and environmental justice?

Eligibility:

- You must be a student enrolled in high school in the U.S. or Canada (including territories) for the academic year 2020-2021.

- Winners will need to provide a letter from a teacher or school administrator confirming that the essay is their own work and that they are a student enrolled in high school. The form and instructions will be provided to the winner at a later date.
- Winners will also need to provide a parental consent form for participating in the Congress and receiving the cash prize. The form and instructions to do so will be provided to the winner at a later date.

Essay Submissions: Please submit your essay by **Friday, May 21, 2021** using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ESSAY-NABIG2021>. **The deadline has been extended to Friday, May 28, 2021.**

Announcements: Winners will be notified Friday, June 4th, 2021. Winners will be recognized during the NABIG Congress June 17-19, 2021. Winning Essays will be posted on the NABIG Congress website.

Questions? Email us at nabigcongress2021@gmail.com with “HS Essay Contest” in subject line.

Congress Registration: Anyone may attend the virtual NABIG Congress without submitting an essay! You can register using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/NABIG2021>

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