

# 2010 BEP Writers' Awards



## SOCIAL JUSTICE NOW!

An Essay Contest for BEP 091 Students

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**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NOVEMBER 19, 2010**

### TOPICS:

Write an essay about a personal experience, belief, or observation related to the college-wide theme of "*Social Justice Now!*" In your essay, identify a problem caused by stereotypes, prejudice or oppression, challenge an injustice, and/or pose a possible solution, choosing one of the topics below:

- Bullying
- Racism
- Gender Inequity
- Gay Marriage
- Immigration
- Age Discrimination
- Access to Education
- Poverty & Economic Inequality
- Impact of War
- Other Human Rights Issues

### PRIZES:

First Place Winner: **\$350**  
 Second Place Winner: **\$250**  
 Third Place Winner: **\$150**  
 Honorable Mention Winners: **\$50**

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Participation is limited to students who are currently enrolled in **BEP 091**.
- Entrants may be full-time or part-time students enrolled in day or evening classes.

### RULES:

- Only one entry per student.

- All entries must be submitted by the deadline of November 19, 2010 to be considered.
- Essays must be the original work of the student entering the contest. While peer review, instructor feedback, and input from tutors in the BEP Learning Centers may guide revision, essays containing plagiarized work will not be considered.
- Essays that do not meet all contest rules and guidelines will be disqualified.
- All entries become the property of Nassau Community College and will not be returned.

**CRITERIA:** Essays will be judged based on content, development of the theme, originality, writing style, and grammar. Judges will look for clear, concise writing that is compelling, logically organized, and well-supported.

### FORMAT:

- Essays must be between 600-1,200 words in length.
- Essays must be typewritten and double-spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman font.
- The student's Banner ID number should be typed in the

upper right-hand corner of each page. Names or other identifying information should not appear on the essay.

- A BEP Writers' Awards entry form must be completely filled out and attached to your essay.
- Entry forms require a BEP 091 instructor's signature, verifying that the essay meets all contest rules and eligibility requirements.

**HOW TO ENTER:** Entry forms will be provided by BEP 091 instructors. Submit three copies of your final essay, attached to your completed and signed entry form, to the **BEP Learning Center in V110**. Be sure your essay has a title, but **do not include your name on the essay itself**.

**JUDGING:** Essays will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprising members of the BEP 091 Committee. All decisions of the judges are final.

**Winners will be announced in December!**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact:  
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