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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Nigeria Higher Education Foundation Essay Competition (NHEF), New York, USA**

The Nigeria Higher Education Foundation Essay Competition (NHEF), New York, USA, hereby invites interested students to participate in the 2nd Nigeria Higher Education Essay Competition.

### **Essay Topics**

1. "The educated differ from the uneducated as much as the living are from the dead"- Aristotle. Discuss the validity of this statement.
2. Can an improved higher education sector significantly affect Nigeria's long term economic growth?
3. What is the role/function of innovation versus tradition in Nigeria's development?
4. The key to unlocking Nigeria's potentials lies in its youth". Discuss.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

All students enrolled in their penultimate year (*third year undergraduates of a 4- year degree programme or fourth year undergraduates of a 5-year degree programme*) at any Nigeria Higher Education Foundation partner Universities are qualified to participate in the essay competition. NHEF partner Universities include Ahmadu Bello University, Bayero University, **University of Ibadan**, University of Nigeria, Nsukka and the University of Port Harcourt.

### **Submission Essay Criteria and Procedure**

- No literary form other than an essay will be accepted;
- Each piece of writing must reflect the contestant's ability to explore and discuss ideas and ethical concepts;
- Essay must demonstrate the conduct of research and a sufficiently detailed summary;
- Essays must be 2000 words in length, double spaced, standard font, and numbered pages with one inch margin excluding bibliography and title page;
- Each essay must be submitted in Microsoft word or PDF format;

- References in the essay should be included and clearly identified and;
- All entries must be submitted via email to [info@thenhef.org](mailto:info@thenhef.org) by 11:59p.m.(WAT) on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

### **Prizes**

The grand prize winner of the 2016 Essay Competition will be awarded a cash prize of N100, 000.00k with a year of paid tuition. The First runner up will be awarded a prize of N75, 000.00k with a year of paid tuition. The second runner up will be awarded N50, 000.00k with a year of paid tuition.

Note: Enrollment will be verified with the University's Registrar

Disclaimer: Submitted essays will become the property of the NHEF. The NHEF may reprint the essays in its media and publications. Appropriate citations will be given to all the writers.

Thank you.

**O. I. Olukoya, MNIM, FPA**  
**Registrar**