

Essay Rubric
Molokai Youth Summit
Student Voices: Expanding Molokai's Horizons
Grades 7-12

CATEGORY	5 POINTS	3 POINTS	1 POINT
Ideas & Content: <i>What makes Molokai unique to you?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a clearly presented central idea with relevant facts and/or statistics that makes Molokai unique Provides meaningful insight into why event/experience was memorable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a central idea with limited facts or statistics that makes Molokai unique Provides little insight into why event/experience was memorable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes a central idea but lacks facts and/or statistics that makes Molokai unique Provides no insight into why event/experience was memorable
Voice: <i>How will you use the Nā Hopena A'o (HĀ) to empower others?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses vivid descriptive language and concrete sensory details that describes how will you use the HĀ to empower others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses some descriptive language and concrete sensory details on how you will use the HĀ to empower others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness of Nā Hopena A'o (HĀ) is not evident
Organization: <i>Does the reader understand my message that I'm trying to convey?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing structure that includes paragraphs Engages reader creatively, relates significant events, and moves to a clear conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing structure with very few paragraphs Engages reader creatively, relates significant events, and moves to a clear conclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organization lacks paragraph structure Sequence of events is not present or confusing and fails to engage the reader
Conventions: <i>Is my essay easy to read and understand?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains few if any errors in conventions that makes the writing easy to read and understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains few if any errors in conventions that makes the writing easy to read and understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains so many convention errors that the writing is difficult to follow
Format: <i>Does my essay look professional?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay is typed and printed on a plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper with a 1 inch margins on all sides Double-space and in 12 point font Maximum of 3 pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay is not typed or printed on a plain white 8.5 x 11 inch paper with a 1 inch margins on all sides Essay is not double-space and not in 12 point font Minimum 2 pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No essay
Title Page: <i>Does my Title Page grabs the reader's attention?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title page has the essay title, student's first and last name, grade level, and school name Title page must be attached to the essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title page does not have essay title, student's name, grade level, or school name Title page is attached to the essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No title page
Points Accumulated			