

2025 BAAFN Asian American Student Essay Contest Official Rules

The Brookline Asian American Family Network (BAAFN) was formed to support the needs of Asian/Asian American students and their families in the Brookline school system.

The BAAFN Steering Committee is seeking submissions for its 2025 Student Asian American Essay Contest.

Deadline: Friday, March 7th, 2025 at 11:00 pm

Eligibility Criteria

- High School students attending Brookline's High Schools
- High School students who are residents of Brookline but attend High School elsewhere
- Children of contest judges or screeners are ineligible to submit entries

Entry Guidelines

- Only one essay submission per person.
- Entry submissions must be the original work of the student and should not be copied from anywhere, or generated through an artificial intelligence program.
- Previous submissions to BAAFN's essay contest are not eligible.

Essays must be in line with the contest theme:

Being an Asian American - What is Your Superpower?

How has/does your Superpower:

- Helped/help shape your experiences living and going to school in Brookline?
- Helped/help you navigate challenges and/or reach goals?
- Helped/help you explore or live into your identity/identities?

Prizes

Winning entries are selected based on comprehensiveness, originality and relevance to the theme in the category.

BAAFN Award - \$500

Custom 2025 Award - \$500

Creativity Award - \$250

Content Award - \$250

Prizes will be announced by early April. Winners will be recognized in a ceremony on **May 14th, 2025 at the Coolidge Corner Theatre.**

Please use the BAAFN Essay Contest Submission Specifications Checklist to ensure you meet Submission Specifications (on page 2).

***Submissions not meeting the expressed specifications will be ineligible for the contest.**

Brookline Asian American Family Network Essay Contest Submission Specifications Checklist						
Contest Entry Deadline Friday, March 7th, 2025 at 11:00 pm				Submit your essay via email to BAAFNessay@gmail.com .		
Essay Submission Specifications		Yes	No	Does the email include:	Yes	No
1. Is the essay length at or under 750 words?				1. The title of your essay		
2. Is your essay in a separate Word file ?				2. Your full name		
3. Did you use 1.5 line spacing and a 12 pt font size ?				3. Your address		
4. Is each page numbered?				4. Your phone number		
5. Did you use your essay title as the name of the word file ?				5. The high school you attend and your grade		
6. Did you remove your name so that it does not appear anywhere in the essay and/or in the title of the digital file?				6. How you heard about this contest (e.g., friend, teacher, social media, flier)		
7. All of the items in the checklist are checked off as "Yes."				7. Your essay is a Word file attachment (with the essay title as the name of the file)		

***Please note that submissions will become the property of the Brookline Asian American Family Network for use in future activities as appropriate to promote diversity.**