MY HAWAI‘I STORY
CONTEST 2019

HE ‘A‘ALI‘I KU MAKANI AU
Resilience in the Face of Change

Entries due March 29, 2019
ENTRY DETAILS
The 2019 My Hawai'i creative writing contest is open to all middle school students (6–8th grade) in the state. Students are invited to submit their best story or poem that addresses the theme: “He ‘a’ali’i ku makani au: Resilience in the Face of Change” which aligns with the 2019 Hawai'i Conservation Conference theme.

This theme highlights the need to protect our island home, and connect, share, and inspire young middle-school children with the common goal of caring for our natural land and ocean resources.

Entries should tell a story, not simply share information. Acrostic poems (where certain letters in each line spell out a word or phrase) will not be accepted.

* All middle school students in Hawai'i are eligible.
* Only one entry per student will be accepted.
* All entries must be submitted online.

EVALUATION CRITERIA
All entries will be judged with the following criteria:
* Theme relevance - how well did you connect to the theme and to Hawai'i’s unique environment?
* Clarity of message - how well did you express your ideas?
* Creativity and originality - your work must be your own!

Entries will be assessed by how well you express your ideas using appropriate grammar and writing style.

WINNERS
Winning entries will be announced on May 17, 2019. The winning entries will be published in the My Hawai'i Story anthology. Winners will receive a copy of the anthology, award certificate, and other special prizes. We hope all contest winners will be able to attend the awards ceremony at the Hawai'i Conservation Conference in July 2019.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contest details and this flyer are available online at: www.hawaiiconservation.org/my-hawaii.

Share the flyer with teachers and post it for students and parents!

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