

## Prize Competition – High School Students

**For the Student High School Research Contest**, the Camden Conference has decided to use National High School Essay Contest for 2016-2017 from the USIP (United State Institute for Peace) in partnership with the American Foreign Service. “The 2016-2017 contest challenges students to closely examine the causes and impact of the current global refugee crisis.”

The Camden Conference will use the same question, format, and basic criteria as the National High School contest. Any student who attends the Camden Conference is eligible to submit an essay to the Camden Conference Contest. These students may also submit the same essay to the National contest. You do NOT need to enter the National Contest to enter the local Camden Conference contest but you may enter both.

Please consult full details at the USIP website <http://www.usip.org/AFSAEssayContest>. Please read carefully the full topic, topic questions, and Memo Template. To submit ONLY to the Camden Conference, you do not need to follow the “Companion Guide” nor the “Rules and Guidelines” nor fill out their form. However, their suggestions in #5 on formatting are helpful. An excerpt stating the question from the website follows.

“Imagine you are a member of the U.S. Foreign Service — a diplomat working to promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the United States abroad – and are now assigned to the U.S. embassy in one of these four countries: Turkey, Kenya, Afghanistan, or Iraq.

Your task is to provide recommendations to address the refugee/IDP crisis facing the country in which you are now posted. Using the resources available to you as a member of the Foreign Service, write a memo to your Ambassador outlining how the United States might help address the current unprecedented levels of displacement. You may choose to address issues related to the causes of refugee crisis, or to focus on the humanitarian crisis in your host country.”

A qualifying memo will be 1,000-1,250 words...”

Awards for the Camden Conference Competition:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$100.-

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$50.-

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$25.-

Due May 15, 2017.

- Please send your paper electronically to [info@CamdenConference.org](mailto:info@CamdenConference.org).
- Submissions must have full student name and school on the paper.
- Eligibility: any high school student who attends the 2017 Camden Conference.
- To be eligible you must include your permission to publish the paper on the Camden Conference website if you win. We also need a physical address where you can be reached during June and July.