

## **INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON PEACE, SECURITY, & PROSPERITY (IFPSP)**

### **Forum Theme: Countering Disinformation**

#### **SUMMARY OF STUDENT CONTEST RULES**

1. The contest is open to high school students who are currently in grades 10 to 12 or equivalent.
2. Students are invited to submit one of either an essay of between 750 and 1,500 words, or a video of between 2 and 3 minutes, maximum, in length in MP4 format. Essays and videos must be based on one of the three themes of this year's Forum:
  - a. Describe and explain disinformation, misinformation or propaganda in the current information environment; or
  - b. Describe an example of a disinformation campaign and strategies applied leading up to, during and after the Allied invasion of Sicily in July 1943; or
  - c. Describe current examples of disinformation campaigns that threaten peace around the world and the countervailing measures applied today.
3. Students may only submit an entry in one category.
4. The last date and time for contest registration and submission is **1<sup>st</sup> of March 2023, at 23:59 EST. No entries will be accepted or considered after this date.**
5. Participating high schools are not restricted in the number of student submissions. However, only one submission per student or group of students is permitted and students must select which category to submit, as entries for both categories are not allowed.
6. All submissions must be approved by the principal or designate before being submitted. Entries received without said approval will not be accepted or considered.
7. Selection of finalists for both essay and video submissions will be made by a jury the decision of which will be both final and not subject to appeal.
8. It is understood by all participants that any entries submitted are deemed to be the property of the IFPSP for purposes of publication and promotion.
9. Finalists in the essay option are eligible to be invited to become a featured panellist on one of the three panels. Finalists in the video category will be invited to present their video during Panel 4.
10. Group submissions are permitted only if the group is no larger than 3 students. However, only 1 group member will be selected to present the group entry at the Forum.
11. The announcement of winners of First, Second, and Third Place for both the essay and video categories will be made at the end of Panel 4.
12. IFPSP will post all worthy essays and videos on the Forum website, highlighting the authors' names.