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***3rd International Essay
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- Launched as the **third edition** of the competition initiated for the launch of Rotary International Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University and Presidential Peace Conference of Rotary International in Istanbul in 2025.
- Aims **to foster thoughtful discourse and critical thinking among high school students aged between 14 to 19.**
- Creates a global platform for sharing ideas, perspectives, and solutions for international peace.
- This year's theme encourages participants to view peace not only as a global ideal but also as something that begins with the choices each of us makes every day.

952 participants from 51 Countries over two years



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Past Recognition and Awards

First prize **USD 3,000**

Second prize **USD 2,000**

Third prize **USD 1,000**

The three winners were invited to Istanbul with a parent to receive their prizes and visit the city

Winners were selected by an international Selection Committee of distinguished members

Past award ceremonies and winners in Istanbul



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Essay Prompt for 3rd Competition :



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World Peace Starts with Me!

My Daily Decisions and Actions Make Me Part of a More Peaceful World!

- World peace is not achieved by governments and treaties alone.
- It is built through the small yet meaningful choices we make every day one person at a time, beginning in childhood.
- In this international essay competition, high school students are invited to reflect upon how their daily decisions and actions can contribute to creating a more peaceful world.
- Participants should present three specific examples from their own lives that demonstrate how they consciously chose to foster peace in their everyday interactions.
- Drawing on personal experience, reflection, and research, participants should identify and define the peace building competencies reflected in their examples and explain their significance.

Details for the 3rd Essay Competition :

Timeline:

- **Announcement:** 01 September 2026
- **Submission Deadline:** 01 December 2026
- **Announcement of Winners:** 15 March 2027
- **Award Ceremony:** To be determined

Participation:

All high school students born between 1st January 2007 and 31st December 2012 are eligible to participate in the competition.

Recognition:

- **First Prize:** A monetary award of 3,000 USD.
- **Second Prize:** A monetary award of 2,000 USD.
- **Third Prize:** A monetary award of 1,000 USD.
- **Two Sepecial Recognition Awards:** The Main Selection Committee is going to grant awards of 500 USD each to two essays standing out with regards to their emotional depth, personal perspective and/or unique approach.
- **Travel:** The winners are invited to Türkiye for the Prize Ceremony. Flight tickets and accommodation for each winner and one accompanying parent will be provided by the club.

Details for the 3rd Essay Competition :



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Essay Requirements:

- **Word Limit:** Essays must be written in English and must not exceed 500 words.
- **Originality:** Essays must be original and unpublished.
- **Personal Experience:** Essays must include three specific examples drawn from the participant's own daily life and experience.
- **References and Quotations:** Any quotations, external content, research, statistics, or ideas drawn from another source must be clearly identified and properly referenced.
- **AI Use:** Submissions must be entirely written by the submitter; the use of generative AI tools is strictly prohibited. Submissions may be subject to AI assisted content screening as part of the evaluation and verification process.
- **Content Guidelines:** Submissions containing hate speech or social, racial, or sexual discrimination will be disqualified.
- **Complete Information:** Participants must provide all required personal and submission information. Incomplete submissions may not be considered.
- **Privacy:** Compliance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) is essential.

Details for the 3rd Essay Competition :

Essay Submission:

- **Submission Deadline: 01 December 2026**
- The completed essay must be submitted in PDF format to the following email address:
PeaceEssay@istanbulrotary.org
- Please include your full name, address, mobile number, contact email, date and place of birth, school, and class/year level in your email.
- For inquiries contact us via email: **PeaceEssay@istanbulrotary.org**
- Or visit : **<https://istanbulrotary.org/3rd-essay-competition-on-international-peace>**



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Together, let's write a future where peace prevails.

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