

HAWAII: NEXT 50 CONTEST CALLS FOR BRIGHT IDEAS ON ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY

Keiki in grades 4-12 asked to get amped up to power the future of Hawaii's energy needs.

Submissions are currently being accepted for the second annual Hawaii: Next 50 Contest. This contest was inspired by former Governor George Ariyoshi's book, *Hawaii: The Past Fifty Years, The Next Fifty Years*, which provided a retrospective look into our islands' history and prompts the next generation to find solutions to Hawaii's most pressing issues.

Last year, more than 450 students from across the state shared their vision of change. This year students will focus on energy and creating a bright future for Hawaii residents.

The Hawaii: Next 50 Contest is sponsored by the Hawaii State House of Representatives, the Hawaii Future Caucus, and the aio Foundation.

Hawaii: Next 50 Contest

WHO: Students enrolled in grades 4 – 12 are eligible to enter.

WHAT: Students are asked to read *Hawaii: The Past Fifty Years, The Next Fifty Years* and respond to the question “Over the next 50 years, what can I do to help Hawaii reach its 100 percent renewable energy goal?”

Submissions will be accepted in two categories: essay and visual arts (poster or video).

Copies of *Hawaii: The Past Fifty Years, The Next Fifty Years* are available by request at www.HawaiiNext50.com.

WHEN: All entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2016. Winners to be announced in March 2016.

WHY: To challenge the up-and-coming generation to become stakeholders in shaping our future. Winners will be honored during a floor presentation at the Hawaii State Capitol, attend a luncheon with legislators, receive a monetary prize, and have their project published online.

Additional information can be found online at www.HawaiiNext50.com. For questions, please contact HawaiiNext50@gmail.com.