



Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials, Inc.

DIVERSITY ESSAY CONTEST 2017 *“Diversity – Why is it Important?”*

This contest is open to all Regular FAPPO members and, of course, Officers are not eligible to compete.

The FAPPO organization and its members have made a commitment to respect and to provide equitable treatment to all the procurement professionals, constituents, internal customers and external customers. FAPPO recognizes the range of differences among all those that procurement professionals have interaction including their value and contributions from each.

The Diversity Essay should address why inclusiveness and respect for diversity is important to the procurement. What are the implications of diversity for procurement; in your office, entity, vendor relations and/or customer relations?

The essay should focus on this theme and you are free to be as imaginative as you desire. I know there are some very interesting stories out there just waiting to fascinate our membership.

Contestants must submit a 900 – 1000 word essay that is double-spaced in an Adobe PDF or MS Word document. Please ensure that the essay includes the author’s name, entity address, phone number, email and a signed statement giving unrestricted publishing rights to FAPPO.

Essay entries must be emailed to Fatima F Calkins, FAPPO Vice President at fcalkins@goaa.org by **February 20, 2017**. Please email any questions to Fatima F Calkins.

Essays will be judged by the current FAPPO Officers based on originality, message/content focus, clarity and grammar. The winner and runners-up will be announced at the 50th Annual FAPPO Conference, May 24-27, 2017 in Orlando, FL. The winning author will receive \$300 in Participation Credits and runner ups will receive \$25.00 in Participation Credits. Participation Credits may be used to help defray the costs for registration and lodging at the official host hotel for the **current year’s conference**.

FAPPO will reimburse the agency or member, who has made the payment for the awarded amount in the event your registration and/or official host hotel lodging has been paid for prior to receiving award notice.

GOOD LUCK!