



## **EIGHTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST “PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE”**

This contest is open to all Regular FAPPO members excluding current Officers.

As in all professions, Public Procurement Officials want our industry members recognized and viewed as professionals at what we do. FAPPO as well as other Public Procurement Organizations have made great strides in promoting this effort in recent years. Moving forward, what should Public Procurement Officials be doing to make this a known reality? How should we, as government agency officials conduct ourselves within the profession? What should Public Procurement professionals be doing to demonstrate “Personal and Professional Excellence”?

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 submitted to Fatima F Calkins, FAPPO Vice President via email [fcalkins@goaa.org](mailto:fcalkins@goaa.org) or mail to Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Fatima F Calkins/Purchasing Dept., 8652 Casa Verde Road, Bldg. 811, Orlando, FL 32827, 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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, in the event your registration and/or official host hotel lodging has been paid for prior to receiving award notice.

**GOOD LUCK!**