

THE OUTSIDE INN

OFFICIAL ESSAY CONTEST RULES

- 1. SUBJECT-THEME:** The Subject/Theme of the Essay shall: “ Why I would operate my own restaurant.”
- 2. ELIGIBILITY:** The Essay Contest may be entered by anyone eighteen years of age or older. The judges of the contest, owners of The Outside Inn (“Sponsors”), their current or former employees and the immediate families of those persons may NOT participate as an Entrant.
- 3. ESSAY ENTRY:** A completed Essay Entry must include, 1) a completely filled out Entry Form; 2) an Entry Fee in the form of a bank cashier’s check or money order payable to: The Outside Inn Essay Contest in the amount of \$125.00 US Funds; 3) the Essay must conform to the Technical Requirements as set forth in Paragraph 4 below; and 4) Two self-addressed stamped envelopes which shall be used first for acknowledgment to the Entrant of receipt of the entry, and the second envelope to notify the winner or to refund the entry fee if the essay contest is cancelled.
- 4. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:** To be considered for the Essay Contest, each Essay must meet the following requirements:
 - A. An original essay of the Entrant of 200 words or less, in English;
 - B. Typed or Legibly hand-written;
 - C. One side of white 8 ½ by 11 paper;
 - D. Nothing personally identifying the Entrant shall appear on the Essay; and
 - E. The Essay must be attached to the Entry Form and the Entry Fee.

All Entries shall be deemed received regardless of whether the Essay adheres to the Technical Requirements as set forth here-in. No Refunds shall be made by reason of non-compliance with the Technical Requirements of the Entry.

- 5. DEADLINE FOR CONTEST ENTRY:** The Essay Contest Entries should be addressed to The Outside Inn Essay Contest or “TOIEC”, Post Office Box 1725, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636. To be considered for selection, the Essay Contest Entries must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2017, and must be delivered no later than May 15, 2017. The Sponsors reserve the sole right to extend the deadline of the Essay Contest Entry and determination of the winning entries for a period of up to sixty (60) days after May 15, 2017. Responsibility for lost, late or misdirected entries rests with the Entrant. Any Essay Contest Entry posted after the deadline (plus any extension) shall be returned to the Entrant. The judging and determination of the Winning Essay and Runners-Up will begin on May 31, 2017, plus any extension.

6. CANCELLATION OF THE ESSAY CONTEST: In the event 7,500 Essay Contest Entries are not received by May 31, 2017, (plus any extension) the Sponsors will cancel the Essay Contest. The Sponsors hereby reserve the exclusive right, however, to accept less than the maximum 7,500 Essay Contest Entries and declare the Essay Contest Winner and Runners-Up.

7. JUDGING: The judging of the Essay Contest Entries shall not commence until the expiration of the Essay Contest Deadline, plus any extension. The Sponsors shall read and evaluate each and every Essay Contest Entry. Each Essay Contest Entry which meets the Technical Requirements as set forth here-in, shall be judged on the basis of its structure (introduction, body, and conclusion), creativity, thought and the conveyance of the Entrant's capability and desire to operate his/her own restaurant. The Sponsors shall, in their sole and absolute discretion, select the top 100 Essay Contest Entries for further judging. The Sponsors shall engage an Independent Panel to judge the top 100 Essay Contest Entries. The identity of the Judges on the Panel shall not be released. The Independent Panel shall read and evaluate each of the top 100 Essay Contest Entries. Each of the top 100 Essay Contest Entries shall, once again, be judged on the basis of structure (introduction, body, and conclusion), creativity, thought and the conveyance of the Entrant's capability and desire to operate his/her own restaurant. After reading and evaluating each of the top 100 Essay Contest Entries, the Panel shall select the Winning Essay Contest Entry and Runners-Up ranked to twentieth place.

8. NOTIFICATION OF ESSAY CONTEST WINNER; ACCEPTANCE: Within 10 days after the selection of the Winning Essay and the Runners-Up, the Sponsor shall notify the Winning Essay Entrant via the self-addressed stamped envelop originally attached to the Contest Entry. The Winning Essay Entrant must notify the Sponsors of his/her acceptance of the Winning Prize within 30 days after notification of the Winning Essay. If the Winning Essay Entrant refuses or otherwise fails to accept the Winning Prize within 30 days after notification, the Winning Essay Entrant thereby forfeits the Winning Prize and the Sponsors will notify the First Runner-Up that he/she's Essay Entry is the Winning Essay Entrant via the self-addressed stamped envelop originally attached to the Contest Entry. If the First Runner-Up refuses or otherwise fails to accept the Winning Prize within 30 days after notification, the First Runner-Up thereby forfeits the Winning Prize and the Sponsors will notify the Second Runner-Up and continue this procedure until a Runner-Up has acknowledges acceptance of the Winning Prize.

9. TAXES AND FEES: Upon acceptance of the Winning Prize, the Winning Entrant or Runner-Up, if applicable, shall be solely responsible for any and all taxes, including, but not limited to, income, real estate or transfer taxes or fees of any kind imposed upon Winning Entrant or Runner-Up, if applicable, which arise from the acceptance of the Winning Prize. The Winning Entrant or Runner-Up, if applicable, is encouraged to consult with their accountant or tax advisor prior to acceptance of the Winning Prize.

10. COPYRIGHT AND PUBLICATION: Essay Contest Entry constitutes an assignment to the Sponsors of all copyrights arising under both statute and the common law and all other rights derivative therefrom. By entering the Essay Contest, Entrants grant further permission for Sponsors to publish all or part of the submitted Essay and to use the Entrant's name and photograph and to publicize the Winning Entries and the names of all the final 20 Essays, all without royalty or other consideration.

11. STATE, FEDERAL, AND INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS: This Essay Contest is subject to the provision of all applicable International, Federal, State, and Local Laws and regulations. This offer and/or participation in this Essay Contest is void where prohibited.

12. CONVEYANCE OF WINNING PRIZE: Upon acceptance of the Winning Prize by the Essay Contest Winner or Runners-Up, if applicable, the Sponsors shall, within 30 days after acceptance of the Winning Prize, issue, in favor of the Essay Contest Winner, a Special Warranty Deed and Bill of Sale. The Special Warranty Deed to the real property will be delivered to the Essay Contest Winner or Runner-Up, if applicable, free of all liens and encumbrances, except current real estate taxes, easements and rights-of-way of record. The personal property, furnishings and equipment contained within the Outside Inn restaurant, with the exception of private memorabilia, shall be delivered to the Essay Contest Winner or Runner-Up, if applicable, free of all lien and encumbrances by Bill of Sale. The Essay Contest Winner or Runner-Up, if applicable, accepts the right, title and interest in the real property, personal property, furnishings and equipment in AS IS condition and without any warranties whatsoever.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF CONTEST RULES; CHOICE OF LAW: By submitting an Entry in this Essay Contest, the Entrant accepts and agrees to be bound by these Essay Contest Rules. The Entrant agrees that any dispute arising out of or relating to this Essay Contest, the Essay Contest Rules or the Winning Prize shall be resolved in the courts of the State of Arizona, County of Cochise. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the United States of America and the State of Arizona.