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# SCIENTIA VINCES ESSAY COMPETITION

*FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS*

**Organized by the Sakha Science Academy of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia),**  
Supported by “Trust Fund of Future Generations in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)”

The Sakha Science Academy is organizing the IV Essay Competition to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the first President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), His Excellency Mikhail Nikolaev. The changes implemented by the First President of Yakutia has positively affected generations of young people. In this age of global uncertainty, his advice to think globally and act locally has become a guiding line for many young people empowering them to achieve more and aim for higher goals, building confidence and courage to contribute to the community and the wider world.

## ESSAY THEME: “MIKHAIL NIKOLAEV: I CHOOSE FREEDOM”

In 1992 Mikhail Nikolaev published a book titled “I choose Freedom and the Rights of Man”. What is Freedom? Why is Freedom important in your life? Can you expound upon the importance of it through the prism of life and deeds of the first President of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) and give your own view on the subject. Freedom gives a meaning and purpose to our lives and drives human progress facilitating explorations and innovations, triggering creative mindsets and mindful creation genius to build flourishing and prosperous, healthy and equitable communities, or freedom leads to a greater instability and anarchy?

### GUIDELINES:

1. The Essay should be written in good English and it may be submitted by anyone up to 18 years old (as of November 13, 2023) and who is a currently high school student.
2. The Essay must not exceed 500 words. Recommended word limits: 400-500 words.
3. The Essay must be submitted via the SCIENTIA VINCES ESSAY COMPETITION 2023 Google Form <https://forms.gle/n85Xn8nn53r8vxe76>.
4. All entries with missing information required in the competition form will not be considered.
5. Each person can submit only one entry. The receipt of the essay will not be acknowledged.
6. The Essay must be original and unpublished.
7. Plagiarized entries will be rejected.
8. The Essay must be written by a single author. Co-authored essays are not accepted.
9. The entrant must submit a downloadable video link of a recorded video with the participant reading the essay aloud. The video file should be uploaded to any downloadable cloud storage.
10. The copyright of the submitted essays will be transferred to the organizer of this competition.
11. **Deadline:** All entries must be received by **November 13, 2023** (23:59 Yakutsk Time).
12. The entrant's videos accepted for the competition will be uploaded to the Sakha Junior Science Academy channel ([https://vk.com/man\\_rsya](https://vk.com/man_rsya)).
13. All winners will be announced on **November 27, 2023**, on the Sakha Junior Science Academy website <https://lensky-kray.ru/index.php?r=news/index&id=18>. The organizers are not obliged to answer any inquiries concerning the result of the competition.
14. The following awards will be given: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Certificate, prize of 50,000 Roubles\* and gift (1 entrant), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Certificate, prize of 25,000 Roubles\* and gift (2 entrants), 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Certificate and gift (5 entrants) and Honourable Mention Certificate (25 awards); Additional awards (Recognition for Effort, Original Reasoning, Top YouTube view count and rating) may also be conferred if applicable (\*- is subject to personal 13% tax deduction).

15. The Organiser reserves the right to amend the Rules & Regulations without giving prior notification or any reasons thereof.

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