FBC-LEO 2026
Essay Contest

Essay Contest on the Most Effective and Ethical Ways Students Can Use AI

About
In a well-organized essay, discuss the most effective and ethical ways students and society can use AI. Consider the potential for both positive impact and misuse. Support your ideas with examples and explain why ethical guidelines are important in shaping the future of AI.

Prompt
In 750 words or less, discuss the "Most Effective and Ethical Ways Students and Society Can Use AI." Consider the potential for both positive impact and misuse of AI.

Prize
1. First Place Winner will receive a $1,500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from the **Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials** (FBC-LEO).
2. Second Place Winner will receive a $500 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.
3. Third Place Winner will receive a $250 scholarship to a Florida college or technical career institution of your choice and a resolution from FBC-LEO.

Entry Requirements and Instructions
You must be an eleventh or twelfth grader in an FBC-LEO member municipality during the 2025-2026 school year.

- The essay must be typed or legibly printed (no cursive and no pictures).
- The use of AI and ChatGPT software or similar programs is strictly prohibited.
- The essay must not exceed 750 words.
- Submit a professional/senior picture headshot and biography.
- A completed entry form must be returned with your essay.
- Previous winners may not apply.
- Submit your entry by **February 11, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. ET** at ***fbcleo.org/essay-contest***.
- Essays received after the deadline will not be considered.

For a list of FBC-LEO member cities, towns, and villages, see page 2.

FBC-LEO Online
For more information about the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, visit *fbcleo.org*.

Questions?
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- City of Alachua
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- Town of Cinco Bayou
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- Town of Eatonville
- Town of Havana
- Town of Haverhill
- Town of Lake Hamilton
- Town of Micanopy
- Town of Oakland
- Town of Welaka
- Town of White Springs

Village

- Village of Indiantown

About the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials

The Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (FBC-LEO) was established in 1985 as a nonprofit, public policy, research, and educational institute.

The FBC-LEO creates a positive environment for disseminating, communicating, and exchanging ideas and information among members to achieve more efficient and responsible local government administration within Florida's communities.

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