



Student Reflections on “What Makes Life Worth Living?”

An All-Media Competition

We would like to hear from students about their reflections on the theme. We invite you to explore the question and the countless ways it has been answered over time and around the globe.

What makes life worth living for you? And where does your answer come from? Was it inspired by a person, an experience, a moment in history, a book, a work of art...? Is the answer the same one you would have given when you arrived at UM? How has your coursework, your co-curricular activities, your experiences abroad, or other parts of your years at Michigan shaped your answer?

We welcome submissions of essays, short fiction, poetry, transcripts of interviews, songs, videos, photography, and other visual media.

Eligibility

Students enrolled at the University of Michigan for the Fall 2010 Term.

Prizes

We will award six \$250 prizes to the best entries across all media. We will also distribute a number of honorable mention awards in the form of gift cards to Zingerman’s. Every entrant will receive a “What Makes Life Worth Living?” t-shirt.

Entry Deadline and Formats

Entries must be submitted no later than midnight December 14, 2010. Entries should be submitted electronically (as an attachment to an email sent to ethics@umich.edu). If the entry consists of a print, painting or another medium that cannot be adequately captured in an attachment to an email, attach a photo anyway and let us know that you would like to submit the original. We’ll work out the details with you. Entries must include phone and email contact information, anticipated date of graduation, a working title, and a 1 to 3 sentence explanation of how your work addresses the theme.

Format Requirements and Style Guidelines

Essays should be longer than 1500 words. Students may submit only one essay, but are welcome to submit up to three poems, songs, or photos. Videos—up to 10 minutes. Short fiction—2500 words. Other media? Ask us what we have in mind.

Judging Procedures

A diverse panel of faculty and staff will convene to judge the entries.

Announcement of Winners

In January 2011, we will hold an event that concludes the theme semester at which we will announce the winners and award the prizes. We will post the winning submissions on our website. At this event, we will also display students' answers to the theme question that we have gathered on “_____ **Makes Life Worth Living**” postcards throughout the term.

Questions?

Questions can be directed to ethics@umich.edu