The United States Institute of Peace has announced the following

Are you a high school student or teacher, or know one? On **Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 7:00-7:30 pm EST,**we are partnering with the American Foreign Service Association to offer a **virtual information session for anyone** interested in the contest and this year’s topic, “Partnerships for Peace in a Multipolar Era.”

Please join us to learn more and get your questions answered! RSVP [**here**](https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fclick.newsletters.usip.org%2F%3Fqs%3Da52fb5b1c99d0e0d9fdc750ef186efc874d73e8dac7df91ebcaf2f86a91f25f034b1fd8585bcbdcefee0b01aa53034d00eeef9e9a15614ad79136e5f92b858d8&data=04%7C01%7Claura.lane%40ibo.org%7C64538bd668b841f2381c08d9eb3db676%7C68b2d50a57dd4bd585bba249b0b19ddf%7C0%7C0%7C637799472561868953%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=P2llFY7auXNFQH08MLIoq6nchcgt%2BzgU9j5fCy1rEtQ%3D&reserved=0).

The deadline for this year’s [**National High School Essay Contest**](https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fclick.newsletters.usip.org%2F%3Fqs%3Da52fb5b1c99d0e0df0f70485f7d619dd4c1d49ac088bf7c1e19f88449324f885672a7cb7bb2451ae68acab754a672904fa13a443dcde64a935c5985a9de52969&data=04%7C01%7Claura.lane%40ibo.org%7C64538bd668b841f2381c08d9eb3db676%7C68b2d50a57dd4bd585bba249b0b19ddf%7C0%7C0%7C637799472561868953%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=HXmoxqqHoksP7fcIpTqDCw7%2BkZlESfI%2B9L66lRXxAs4%3D&reserved=0)(which USIP co-sponsors) is April 4th; just two months away! This contest challenges students to look at how American diplomats and peacebuilders are working with other world powers, as well as local and/or regional actors, in a conflict-affected country to champion democracy, promote human rights, and/or resolve violent conflict.