

Top 50 Finalists of the Yale International Relations Association Global Essay Competition 2026

GRADE 8

STUDENT NAME	SCHOOL NAME	COUNTRY
Zofia Janiczak	UWC Thailand International School	Thailand
Priya Curley	Basis Scottsdale	USA
Amaira Kapoor	The Shri Ram Academy Hyderabad	India
Ziyu Xu	St. Clement's School	Canada
Kiansh Makkar	The Millennium School, Dubai	United Arab Emirates
Leame van Zyl	Somerset West Private School	South Africa
Ekansh Lodhi	IISJ Yokohama	Japan
Fabian Santa	British International School of Timisoara	Romania
Yeonjae Ryu	KCIS	South Korea
Igor Kuz	Gymnasium 52	Russia

GRADE 9

STUDENT NAME	SCHOOL NAME	COUNTRY
Anarghya Vaidya	India International School in Japan, Tokyo	Japan
Sezin Merza Kacmaz	Ardingly Astana	Kazakhstan
Suren Grigorian	Secondary Comprehensive School 21	Armenia
Ze Yang Li	American International School of Cape Town	South Africa
Evelina	MBOU SOCH number 19	Russia
Ronan Beale	Denver Jewish Day School	USA
Clara Ruby Huang	Taipei American School	Taiwan
Adrika Rajesh	Hillside Collegiate	South Korea
Aarya Agarwal	Aditya Birla World Academy	India
Sunderiya Munkhbat	International School of Ulaanbataar	Mongolia

GRADE 10

STUDENT NAME	SCHOOL NAME	COUNTRY
Jenna Lovic	Ammartpanichnukul School	Thailand
Derin Bozdoğan	Atacan	Turkey
Paula Marianne Suh	Korea Christian International School	South Korea
Aruzhan	Alikhan Bokeykhan Lyceum School	Kazakhstan
Andrea Marie Lopez	Paref Woodrose School	Philippines
KONE Naïka Maceba Tabara	Lycée Français Blaise Pascal	Côte d'Ivoire
Sahra Kutluer	İzmir Özel Tevfik Fikret Lisesi	Turkey
Atiksh Suneja	Oberoi International School	India
Aaryav	American International School of Yaounde	Cameroon
Sana Shyamkant Maske	Shashvat Concept School	India
Maya Keinan	Younited	Israel

GRADE 11

STUDENT NAME	SCHOOL NAME	COUNTRY
Watsinee Arjsamad	Demonstration of Khon Kaen University	Thailand
Rachel Hadromi	Younited (Givat Haviva International School)	Israel
Ryan Qian	Hong Kong International School	Hong Kong
Shihua Yang	Brooklyn Latin	USA
Aviraj Bagga	Indus International School Hyderabad	India
Abivriksa Kalairajah	Foothill High School	USA
Clive Elliot Cahyadi	Sekolah Pelita Harapan	Indonesia
Maria Rome Ysabel Carasig	PAREF Woodrose	Philippines
Anish K Hari	American International School Kuwait	Kuwait
Anantika Singh	Heartfulness International School - Omega Branch	India

GRADE 12

STUDENT NAME	SCHOOL NAME	COUNTRY
Samantha Bethany P. Titong	Maria Montessori International School	Philippines
Nalelia Mollel	Luanda International School	Angola
Victoria Hartung	St. Irmengard Gymnasium	Germany
Jewel Marie Donque Suralta	Cebu Institute of Technology - University	Philippines
Katerina Yovkova	French Language School “Alphonse de Lamartin” No 9	Bulgaria
Yuvraj Khanna	Noor Al Diyar	Bahrain
Temiloluwa Alabi	Chrisland High School Ikeja	Nigeria
Maria Cardeal	Escola Secundária de Paredes	Portugal
Alizeh Rashid	Habib Girls school	Pakistan
Hilti Kate R Labit	De La Salle University	Philippines

