1. What exactly will the winners of the competition be awarded?

The prize that the three winners receive includes the following:
- Participation at the Global Maritime Forum Annual Summit 2019 and associated social events;
- An introductory workshop the day preceding the Summit;
- Coverage of accommodation in Singapore;
- Coverage of travel to and from Singapore;
- A daily stipend to cover other expenses during their stay in Singapore;
- Publication of their essays on the Global Maritime Forum website under the Insights section.

2. What is the Global Maritime Forum’s Annual Summit?

The Global Maritime Forum is an international not-for-profit organization committed to shaping the future of global seaborne trade to increase sustainable long-term economic development and human wellbeing. It is founded on the idea that bringing together leaders from across the global maritime industry – those who have the drive and influence to make change happen – will lead to a brighter future not only for the industry, but for society as well.

The highlight of our work is the by invitation only Annual Summit, which convenes key leaders from across the global maritime industry with policymakers, experts and other influential decision-makers and opinion leaders to shape the future of the industry. Together, they discuss how the industry can work together to explore challenges and opportunities facing the industry and search for actionable ideas on how to address them.

3. What will be the winners’ role at the Annual Summit?

The three winners of the Future Maritime Leaders essay competition will attend the full programme of the Summit alongside other participants. They will take part in the keynotes, plenaries and working group discussions together with senior maritime stakeholders.

To get a better idea of what happens at our Summits, please read the 2018 Annual Summit summary report.

4. When will I know if I have been selected as a winner?

The official announcement of the three winners will be made in the beginning of September. The winners will be contacted at least a week in advance of the announcement.

5. On which criteria will the winners be selected?

Several criteria will be considered during the selection:
- The creativeness, concreteness and relevance of the arguments and ideas presented in the essay
- The author’s level of understanding of the maritime industry and the issues it is facing
- The author’s ability to present and defend his/her arguments
- Relevance to the essay topic set for this year’s competition
- Diversity of perspective

All submissions that do not comply with the conditions of participation will automatically be excluded from the competition.

6. What do I do if I have more questions?

If the question that you were looking for was not included in the FAQ, please contact us at futureleaders@globalmaritimeforum.org.