

ALL PRINCIPALS/AP'S-ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS: Governor Charile Crist's Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest

Category:

Audience: All Principals/APs

Due Date: Sep 20, 2010

Meeting Date: n/a

To announce Governor Charlie Crist's 2010 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest.

Governor Charlie Crist's Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 4 - 12 in the state of Florida.

- Three winners will be selected:
 - o one elementary (4-5) student,
 - o one middle (6-8) student and;
 - o one high school (9-12) student.
- Winners will be notified the week of October 4, 2010.
- Entries must be mailed to Executive Office of the Governor: Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, 400 S. Monroe Street, Suite LL-10, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 and **postmarked by September 20, 2010.**
- Nominations may be submitted by a principal, teacher, parent/guardian, or student.
- Winners will receive an award at the Governor's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration to be held in Tallahassee in October. Reasonable travel and lodging expenses will be paid for the winners and one immediate family member.
- **High school and middle school essays should address the following topic:** "Florida's theme for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month is "Recognizing Florida's Hispanic Heritage: Past, Present and Future." Interview and describe a Hispanic-American whom you know who has devoted his or her life to the service of others. How has this person's life strengthened his or her community and Florida as a state?"
- **4th and 5th Grade essays should address the following topic:** "There are many well-known Hispanic Floridians who have made contributions to Florida's history and economy. Discuss a well-known Hispanic Floridian whose contribution has made a difference in your life or your community."
- Each student may enter only one essay.
- A completed entry/parental waiver form must accompany each essay. The entry form/parental waiver can be obtained on the Governor's Hispanic Heritage Month Web site at www.floridahispanicheritage.com under the "Student Contests" tab.
- Essays submitted must include contestant's name, home address, telephone number, school the student attends, grade level, title of the essay, and a word count. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length and should be typed.
- Winners must be Florida residents and be able to provide a Social Security Number.

For more information concerning the Governor Charlie Crist's 2010 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest, contact the Governor's Office at (850) 410-0501 for any further questions.

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