

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott Invite K-12 Students to Participate in 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month Contests

Category: For Your Information

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: Sep 09, 2016

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [Art Contest K-3 Rules, Guidelines, & Waiver Form.pdf](#)
[Essay Contest Rules, Guidelines & Waiver Form.pdf](#)
[Educator Contest Official Rules, Guidelines & Nomination Form.pdf](#)

Announcement from Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott Inviting K-12 Students to Participate in the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month Contests. Student winners will earn a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship.

- On May 3, 2016, Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott invited Florida K-12 students to participate in the 2016 Hispanic Heritage Month essay and art contests based on this year's theme, "*Honoring Hispanic American Heroes.*" Parents, students, teachers, and principals are also encouraged to nominate outstanding Hispanic educators for the Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award.
- Governor Scott said, "Hispanic Heritage Month is a great opportunity for Florida's students to learn about our state's history and also compete to receive a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship. We are incredibly thankful for our Hispanic American heroes, past and present, who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to defend our freedom. Ann and I look forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in September to honor their courageous service, and also recognize Florida's amazing teachers and students."
- First Lady Ann Scott said, "Hispanic Heritage Month is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the unique and diverse culture that we value so much in Florida. I encourage Florida's talented students to participate in this year's essay and art contests to learn more about our state's history. I look forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in September and recognizing the winners for their wonderful accomplishments."
- **About the Student Contests:**
 - Art Contest for Grades K-3: The Hispanic Heritage Month art contest is open to all Florida students in grades K-3, and two winners will be selected.
 - Essay Contest for Grades 4-12: The Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest is open to all Florida students in grades 4 through 12. Three winners will be selected: one elementary student (grades 4-5), one middle school student (grades 6-8), and one high school student (grades 9-12). Winners will receive a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.
- **About the Excellence in Education Award:**
 - Governor Scott's annual Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award Contest is open to all Hispanic, full-time educators in an elementary, middle or high school in Florida.
 - Three winners will be selected: one elementary school (grades K-5) teacher, one middle school (grades 6-8) teacher and one high school (grades 9-12) teacher.
- **Contest Entries and Nominations:**
 - All entry forms and guidelines for the contests are attached.
 - Additional information about Florida's Hispanic Heritage Month and other related events, can be found at www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.
 - Completed forms must be mailed to Volunteer Florida, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, 3800 Esplanade Way, Suite 180, Tallahassee, Florida 32311; faxed to 850-921-5146 **or** emailed to HHM@VolunteerFlorida.org. **All entries must be received no later than 5:00 PM EDT on September 9, 2016.** (Contestants are responsible for all shipping costs.)
- For additional information, please contact Mr. Robert C. Brazofsky, Executive Director, Department of Social Sciences at rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or at the number listed below.

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