

ALL PRINCIPALS/APs/TEACHERS: The Jewish Museum of Florida – Florida International University (FIU) Student Writing Contest for Students in Grades 4-12

*Category: For Your Information*

**Audience:** All Principals/APs, All Teachers

**Due Date:** n/a

**Meeting Date:** n/a

**Attachment(s):** [Student Writing Contest Guidelines.pdf](#)  
[Student Writing Contest Application Form.pdf](#)

To announce the Jewish Museum of Florida–Florida International University (JMOF-FIU) Student Writing Contest for Students in Grades 4-12.

- The Division of Academics, Department of Social Sciences, in conjunction with the Jewish Museum of Florida–Florida International University (JMOF-FIU) announce a Student Writing Contest: “Traditions: Worth Keeping” for students in Grades 4-12.
- The Museum is dedicated to multi-cultural education and demonstrates through exhibitions, public programs, and a collection of archival materials how the challenges of the immigrant experience are shared by all ethnicities in the diverse State of Florida and the nation.
- Principals are highly encouraged to appoint a point person to take the lead to manage the essay contest at the school site and adhere to the contest’s writing prompt and guidelines for submission. Please refer to the attached guidelines and application form.
- Logistics are as follows:
  - The contest is open to all students in grades 4-12.
  - One entry per student is allowed.
  - Writing submission may be in the form of a poem, monologue, dialogue, essay (narrative, expository, or persuasive), or short story.
  - Submissions are to be typed; double-spaced with a maximum length of 500 words.
  - A cover sheet **MUST** be attached to the submission and contain the following information: Student Name and Grade Level; Name of School, Address and Phone Number; Principal’s Name; and Teacher’s Name with Contact Email Address.
  - Essays are to be submitted on or before **Tuesday, December 18, 2018 by 5:00 p.m. EST.**
  - Entries will be accepted as follows:
    - U.S. Mail: JMOF-FIU, 301 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139 – Attention: Student Writing Contest; or
    - Electronic Submission: You may email submissions to [clieberp@fiu.edu](mailto:clieberp@fiu.edu).
  - **Please be sure to follow the guidelines for the essay contest. The guidelines are attached. Pay attention to the cover page requirements.**
- Prizes will be awarded to (3) elementary school level; (3) middle school level; and (3) high school level students as follows:
  - First prize: \$125.00
  - Second prize: \$75.00
  - Third prize: \$50.00
  - Winner’s classes will also receive a free school group tour.
- The awards ceremony at the Museum will be held in January in celebration of Florida Jewish History month.
- Notification of winners and distribution of awards will be made by the Museum Educator, Mr. Chaim Leiberperson.
- All questions or additional information should be referred directly to Mr. Chaim Leiberperson, Museum Educator, JMOF-FIU by calling 786-972-3187 or via email, at [clieberp@fiu.edu](mailto:clieberp@fiu.edu).

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