

NABE 2004 Nationwide Writing Contest For Bilingual Students

"Proud To Be Bilingual" ESSAY CONTEST

The National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) is proud to announce the 2004 Nationwide Writing Contest for Bilingual Students. This is the 23rd anniversary of NABE's highly successful and popular student essay program. This year, eligible bilingual students throughout the country have an opportunity to submit essays on the topic "Proud To Be Bilingual."

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS OCTOBER 31, 2003

TOPIC: "Proud To Be Bilingual"

CATEGORIES:

- Elementary: Grades 3-5
- Middle/Junior High: Grades 6-8
- High School: Grades 9-11

PRIZES/AWARDS:

- National First Place High School Winner: educational scholarship payable to college of choice.
- National First Place Middle School Winner: certificate for purchase of technology learning aide.
- National First Place Elementary School Winner: certificate for purchase of technology learning aide.

National winners, one parent or guardian, and their bilingual teacher will receive an all-expense paid trip to the NABE 2004 Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 4-7, 2004.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Participation is limited to students who are learning English as a new language through a bilingual education program where content instruction is provided in both English and the student's native language.
- Students must have a "B" average or better in academic grades.
- Students must have a 90% school attendance rate or better.
- Previous winners are not eligible to participate.

CRITERIA: Each essay will be judged on (1) development of the theme, (2) originality, (3) content and clarity of expression, and (4) grammar and mechanics.

RULES: Only entries that comply with the following rules will be considered:

- Language: All essays must be written in English; however, all selected winners should be prepared to present their essays in English and their native language at an awards ceremony during the NABE 2004 Conference, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Subject: All essays must address the theme, "Proud To Be Bilingual", to be eligible.
- Length: The number of words MUST be recorded at the end of each essay.
The length of the essay MUST be:
Grades 3-5: 150-200 words
Grades 6-8: 250-350 words
Grades 9-11: 350-500 words
- Application: An application form, containing the name of the contestant, his/her native language, home address with ZIP code, telephone number with area code, grade, name and address of school, name of bilingual teacher and school principal, and name of the school district must be stapled to the essay. Names should NOT appear on the essay. Essays become the property of NABE and will not be returned. NABE reserves the right to publish all

essays. Applications require a teacher's signature verifying that student meets eligibility criteria.

- Photograph: A photograph of the contestant must also be included with this application. The photo must be 4"x6" or larger in order to be accepted. No electronic photos can be accepted. Photos will be used for publicity purposes only and will not be considered in the judging process. Photos will not be returned.
- Format: The essay must be hand-written IN INK or typed DOUBLE SPACED.
- Submissions: a maximum of (3) three essays per grade category will be accepted from the same school. A cover letter on school stationery signed by the principal should accompany the submissions.

JUDGING: A panel of judges selected by the Houston Independent School District will determine the national winners in each grade category.

Send essay to:

NABE 2004
Nationwide Writing Contest
ATTN: Jaime E. de la Isla
Houston Independent School District
3830 Richmond Avenue
Houston, TX 77027
Tel: (713) 892-6800

NABE Encourages Entries From Students From All Language Backgrounds

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Application Form

1. Attach a copy of this form to each essay. Names should not appear on the essay.
2. Attach a photograph of the student that is 4"x6" or larger. No electronic photos will be accepted.
3. A maximum of three essays per grade category will be accepted from the same school.
4. A cover letter on school stationery, signed by the principal, should accompany the submissions.

Name of Contestant: _____

Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Name of School: _____

Name of Bilingual Teacher: _____

Name of Principal: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: (_____) _____

School Fax Number:(_____) _____

Name of School District: _____

I certify that this student meets all eligibility criteria.

Teacher Signature: _____

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See reverse for rules and regulations

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