



December 1, 2017

Dear 12th Grade Student and Parent/Guardian,

San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools is sponsoring a Student Essay Competition Scholarship Award at this year's 31st Annual Multilingual Recognition Award Dinner on Friday, April 20, 2018, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Ontario, CA.

You have been selected by a teacher/staff member at your school to participate in this student essay contest. This competition is open to 12th grade students who are current or former English Learners and/or bilingual, or multilingual. Depending on funding, there will be up to three awardees selected who will each receive a college scholarship. The Multilingual Recognition Committee will select one grand prizewinner. All awardees will read their essays in English at the Awards Dinner.

The student essay winners, along with one parent, will receive a ticket to attend the event and must be present in order to receive the scholarships. The student's teacher should be prepared to deliver a short biography of the student at the event when they receive their award on Friday, April 20, 2018.

The essay must meet the criteria as outlined in the essay contest specifications sheet. All essays are to be submitted electronically to your school of attendance. Your school district will then select two essays to be entered into the contest and submit them to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools by Friday, February 9, 2018. Up to four essays will be selected from high school districts.

The San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools will notify the submitting district of the winner no later than March 2, 2018. Again, congratulations for being selected to participate in this essay contest!

Sincerely,

Angelica Hurtado
Program Manager
ELA/ELD Team
Education Support Services



Essay Contest Specifications Important Opportunity for 12th Grade High School Students who are English Learners or Learning in Two Languages

The San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools invites you to participate in its 31st Annual Multilingual Recognition Awards Dinner 12th Grade Student Essay Contest

Deadline for submission is Friday, February 9, 2018

Topic

Multilingualism in a Global Society. *"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way."* Frank Smith

Today's 21st Century focuses on global economic and academic competition. Being multilingual is a great benefit in order to succeed anywhere in the world. In a multi-paragraph essay, explain how speaking more than one language will lead you to being successful in the workforce and in a global society in the future and what kind of contributions would you be able to make.

Awards

Three 12th grade high school students will be selected as winners and awarded college scholarships, along with an invitation for themselves and their parents or guardians to attend the 31st Annual Multilingual Recognition Awards Dinner on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. **The winners must be available to read their essays at the event as a condition of receiving their scholarship. Winners will be notified by Friday, March 2, 2018.**

Eligibility

This essay contest is open to students who are current 12th grade high school students who are English learners, have previously been identified as an English learner, or are learners of a foreign language and attend a public high school in San Bernardino County.

Criteria

Each essay will be judged on:

1. Development of the theme
2. Originality
3. Content and clarity of expression
4. Language Conventions

Rules

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

Language: Submissions must be written in English and may be translated into the student's native/second language. Winners must be available and prepared to present their essays in English at the 31st Annual Multilingual Recognition Awards Dinner on Friday, April 20, 2018.

Subject: All essays must address the topic: "Multilingualism in a Global Society"

Length: The number of words must be listed at the end of each essay. Length must be between 500-750 words.

Format: The essay must be typed double-spaced on one side of a white, 8 ½ " X 11" paper. Applicant's name should not appear on the essay.

Application: An application form completed with the name of the contestant, his/her native language, contact information (home address and telephone number with area code), name, address and phone number of the school and also the name of the school district. Applications require the principal's and the recommending teacher's signatures, verifying that applicants meet the contest eligibility criteria.

Copyright: All essays become the property of San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) and will not be returned. SBCSS reserves the right to publish all essays.

Entry submission

All essays are first to be submitted to the student's teacher. **Each district may select up to two essays for submission. High school districts may select up to four essays. The selected essays may be submitted in PDF format to SBCSS, in care of ludy.joseph@sbcss.net by Friday, February 9, 2018.**



Essay Contest Application Form

Instructions:

1. Electronically submit this form with each essay.
2. Names should not appear on the essay.
3. The teacher must sign all application forms.

Name of 12th Grade Student: _____

Native/Second Language: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Name**

of School: _____

Name of Nominating Teacher: _____

Name of Principal: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: (____) _____ School Fax : (____) _____

Name of School District: _____

I certify this student meets all eligibility criteria.

Principal/designee signature: _____

Teacher signature: _____

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2018

31st Annual

Multilingual Recognition Awards



Multilingualism in a Global Society

**April 20
2018**

6 to 9 p.m.

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
Ontario Airport
222 North Vineyard Avenue
Ontario, CA 91764



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