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THIRD ANNUAL NJTESOL/NJBE 4th Grade English Writing Challenge

SPONSOR

NJTESOL/NJBE is offering a \$100 award for students at the 4th grade level who are or have been enrolled in ESL and bilingual classes. We request that you distribute the information to the guidance departments or teachers in the Elementary schools in your district as well as to eligible students. Please encourage them to apply. If you have any questions about the award, please contact the Awards Committee:

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be:

1. a 4th grade student in a NEW JERSEY school.
2. a New Jersey resident
3. a student who is currently receiving bilingual and/or ESL instruction in New Jersey or who received bilingual/ESL instruction in New Jersey last year (2008-2009)
4. referring teacher must be a member of NJTESOL/NJBE

CRITERIA

The application consists of three sections. Each of the three sections is considered carefully in selecting the award winner. Forms for Parts I-III should be downloaded. Follow the directions explicitly. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

Each application packet must include the following items in one envelope, which will be considered in the selection of the award winner:

Checklist

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| 1. Part I: Award Application Form | _____ |
| 2. Part II: Essay on “Two Languages are Better Than One”
Typed or handwritten; double-spaced, 200 words or less. | _____ |
| 3. Part III. Recommendation | _____ |

DEADLINE

Award applications and writings **must be postmarked by March 5th, 2010. No exceptions.**

Mail to:

Ms. D. Sefchik
102 Readington Road
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

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4th Grade Writing Contest APPLICATION continued

PART II: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE Writing Contest

(TO BE TYPEWRITTEN or HANDWRITTEN ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER)

Writing Theme: “Two Languages are Better Than One”

Essay

- 200 words Maximum
- Relevant to topic
- Written in English
- Will be judged using the 4th grade New Jersey State Holistic Writing Rubric

Although students may discuss and brainstorm the topic with peers and teachers during the pre-writing stage, the final draft should be exclusively theirs.

The selection committee will base the evaluation on the message contained in the student’s writing and the unique form in which he/she expresses it. In summary, the committee wants to consider a work for which the student can claim ownership because it contains his/her true feelings and thoughts. It must be their own work with no editing by others.

The title of the composition must be “Two Languages are Better Than One”
Be sure to include the student’s name and contact information on the back of the essay.

Please complete the following certification.

I, _____ certify that the attached essay is the work of my student _____ with no editing by others and that the work was written in school. To the best of my knowledge, all the information contained in the information packet is accurate. **We give permission to NJTESOL/NJBE to edit and publish the essay with the applicant’s name and photo** if this association deems it appropriate.

Signature of Referring Teacher

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

