Student Writing Contest

The Student Writing Contest for the CABE 2019 Conference in Long Beach, California, will focus on the many advantages of being bilingual/biliterate. The theme for this year’s writing contest is ‘How does being multilingual inspire you?’

Students are encouraged to approach this writing contest in an imaginative and meaningful manner, expressing themselves in English and another language. Teachers can assist students in focusing on the theme by exploring how their bilingual/biliteracy skills will enhance their opportunities for learning, career, leadership, self-esteem, as well as the development of their cultural legacy in their future. The use of the writing process is encouraged (prewriting, sharing, revising, editing, and publishing) to develop a meaningful and expressive literary piece. Each literary piece should focus on the theme and demonstrate final editing quality.

All students who enter the writing contest will be acknowledged for their efforts. Winners will be selected by a committee in four grade level categories, K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th and 9th-12th, based on the following criteria:

- Content — How well the writing captures the essence of the theme
- Language — The use of expressive, authentic, rich language
- Genre — The creative use of literary forms (such as short essay, poetry, narrative, biography or song).

Criteria

- Essay must include student’s full name, official school name, grade level and teacher’s name.
- Writings should be typed double-spaced, three pages maximum.
- 2 Versions of Essay must be provided: English version and student’s other language
- Students must be bilingual/biliterate or learning another language.
- High resolution 5”x7” photo of contestant

Winners will be notified by January 31, 2019. Children will read their essay or excerpts from the essay at the CABE 2019 Seal of Excellence Banquet Dinner, on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, California and will receive four banquet tickets (awardee and 3 guests) along with:

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Winners will also receive transportation to the CABE Conference along with one night stay - Friday night (if needed). Online submission should be received on or before the December 4, 2018, 5pm (PST) deadline. Submissions received after deadline will not be accepted.

*Please note: Students who have received the CABE Contest Award within the last 3 years are not eligible to participate*