

HAITIAN BILINGUAL/ESL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER @ BROOKLYN COLLEGE

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HABETAC'S ANNUAL ESSAY/ POETRY CONTEST

The Haitian Bilingual/ESL Technical Assistance Center (HABETAC) at Brooklyn College is pleased to announce its annual Essay, Poetry and Visual Art contest for Bilingual Haitian Creole students in grades 3-12.

FOR ESSAY

Write an essay on one of the following topics:

- a) What experiences and opportunities that being bilingual and bicultural have made happened for you? Provide details and examples.

*Ki opòtinite oubyen bon eksperyans ou fè akoz ou pale de lang e ou konn de kilti ?
Bay detay ak ezanp.*

- b) What career path would give you the most satisfaction? Why would you make that choice?

Ki karyè ou panse w ap chwazi lè w Pouki w ap fè chwa sa a ?

FOR POETRY

Write a couplet (two-line stanza) poem, on the following topics:

- a) Dreams Rèv
b) Change Chanjman
c) Hope Espwa / Lespwa

Deadline for submission in all categories is May 3, 2006

RULES

1. The contest is limited to students enrolled in Dual/Bilingual and ESL Programs where Haitian Creole and English as a Second Language are used as languages of instruction. However, Haitian students who are former English Language Learners can participate.
2. All essays and poems must follow our guidelines to be eligible for consideration.
3. Entries must be submitted in Haitian Creole or English.
4. The length for **essays and poems** are as follows:

| | ESSAY | POETRY |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Elementary Grades 3 - 5 | 250 – 300 words | 14 – 20 lines |
| Intermediate Grades 6 – 8 | 350 – 400 words | 16 – 24 lines |
| High School Grades 9 – 12 | 450 – 500 words | 20 – 30 lines |

5. The number of words must be written in the upper right corner of the first page of the essay.
6. Essay and poem must be typewritten, preferably double-spaced. Handwritten submissions will be immediately disqualified.
7. Essay / poem must be on 8 1/2 X 11” paper.
8. Essay and poems must be **typed in a double spaced format on 8 ½ x 11” paper.** Entries should be sent by (regular) mail and postmarked by **5:00 P.M. on May 3, 2006**
9. Participants must complete the application form provided. **NAMES SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON THE ESSAY/POEM.** Essays and poems will not be returned.

ARTWORK

1. Artwork must be submitted on a maximum of 11X14 paper.
2. Students may use any medium (crayons, paint, pencils, etc.).
3. Title of art piece should be written on the attached form

JUDGING

1. A committee of judges selected by HABETAC will judge the essays, poems and paintings submitted. This committee will determine the first, second and third place winners in each category and genre. The committee’s decision is final.

Writing CRITERIA

Essays and poems will be judged on:

- 1) Development of the theme
- 2) Originality and creativity
- 3) Content and clarity of expression
- 4) Use of the conventions of the Haitian language

Art CRITERIA

Artwork will be judged on:

- 1) Creativity
- 2) Detail
- 3) Originality

The winners will be announced on May 12, 2006. They will occupy first, second, and third places in each category and at each level. HABETAC will publish the text of the winners in its Newsletter and other publications. In addition, winners and their parents will be honored at the **Annual Conference on the Education of the Haitian Child, which will take place on Tuesday, May 30, 2006 @ Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.**

For additional information, please contact:

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CONTEST APPLICATION 2006

1. Send a copy of this form with each essay or artwork.
2. Name should not appear on the essay.
3. The total number of words should be placed at the end of the essay.

Name of contestant _____

Level _____ Language _____

Genre _____

Grade _____ Class _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____

Home Telephone _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

School Telephone Number _____

Name of Teacher _____

Name of Principal _____

Name of Superintendent _____