



Student Writing Contest: "Traditions Worth Keeping"

Submission deadline: Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Contest Summary: The Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU offers this contest encouraging excellence in writing; promote self-discovery and empathy for critical challenges common to all.

The Museum is dedicated to multi-cultural education and demonstrates through exhibitions, public programs, and a collection of archival materials how the challenges of the immigrant experience shared by all ethnicities in the diverse State of Florida and the nation.

WRITING PROMPT:

Tell us about a personal example that shares a struggle to maintain cultural or religious tradition even though the wider society we all live in made it difficult. It could be your story, a family story or one you became aware of through reading, conversation or interview. Be specific so that your readers feel the emotion and understand and feel the circumstances of struggle as well as you do.

Who is eligible? All Florida students in grades 4-12. One entry per student.

You may submit a poem, monologue, dialogue, essay (narrative, expository, or persuasive), or short story. Submissions scored as follows:

1. Follow the writing prompt closely. Define acculturation and struggle as it relates to the situation you are describing. Tell about something that has special meaning for you and why it was significant. (35 points)
2. Use metaphor, vocabulary, and expressive language to evoke feelings. (20 points)
3. Make sure that your writing is compelling, that it inspires and/or engages people. (15 points)
4. Use main ideas and details in an essay, or creatively build momentum in your story or poem. (15 points)
5. Use proper writing skills: grammar, spelling, writing rules and also follow the guidelines below. (15 points)

Guidelines: Submissions typed; double-spaced with maximum length of 500 words. Completed application forms attached and downloaded from the Museum's website: www.jmof.edu

Do not write name on same page as submitted work.

Deadline: All submissions received by mail or delivery by Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 5:00 pm.

to: JMOF-FIU, 301 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Email entries are accepted. clieberp@fiu.edu

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to (3) elementary school (3) middle school and (3) high school students as follows:

1st Prize: \$125

2nd Prize: \$75

3rd Prize: \$50

The awards ceremony at the Museum held in January in celebration of Florida Jewish History month.

Winners' classes will also receive a free school group tour.

Additional information: Contact Museum Educator, Chaim Lieberperson 786.972.3187 or clieberp@fiu.edu



Application Form

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Form COMPLETELY filled in, signed, and returned with submission to be eligible for contest.

Title of Entry: _____

Type: _____ Poem _____ Story _____ Essay _____ Other

Student Information:

Name _____ Grade _____

School _____

County _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ School Phone _____

Teacher Information:

Name: _____

Teacher's Phone _____ Email _____

Honor Pledge: I affirm that the entry submitted for competition was researched and prepared by this student, during the academic year.

Student's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Note: If your child is selected as a winner, in order to receive the prize, s/he will need to complete a W-9 form for FIU tax compliance purposes.

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date _____

Email entries accepted.

Submit this application form with a clean, legible copy of your entry:

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