

The English Department of Long Beach City College and the LBCC Foundation are pleased to announce the 26th Annual Essay Contest to acknowledge students for outstanding work written in composition and literature classes during the Spring '10, Summer '10, and Fall '10 semesters.

CONTEST RULES

1. Entrants must be enrolled in one of the following LBCC courses: English 105, 896AD, 899AD, 801, 1, 1H, 2, 3, 3H, 18, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43A, 43B, 44, 44H, 45, 45H, 46, 47, 48, 48H, 51A, 51B; or, ESL 34.
2. Essays must be written for a general audience. The essay must be written for the class in which the entrant is enrolled. Each entrant may submit only one essay per category, per semester.
3. All entries must be submitted with an entry form signed by the entrants' instructors. Entry forms are available in P119 at the Liberal Arts Campus and through English and ESL instructors.
4. While writing the essay, entrants may seek the assistance they would normally receive from their instructors or the Writing and Reading Success Center.
5. Essays must be the original work of the entrants.
6. Because winning essays will be published, the subject matter must not infringe upon the rights of any third party.

7. For Spring '10 and Summer '10 entries, the deadline for submission is September 30, 2010; for Fall '10 entries, the deadline is January 29, 2011.

PRIZES AND RECOGNITION

1. Prize winning essays will be selected for the following qualities:

Originality and Insight
Strength of Purpose
Convincing Development
Clarity and Precision of Language
Effective Arrangement of Parts

2. It is expected that essays will be generally correct in grammar, mechanics and documentation.
3. Up to three cash prizes may be awarded in each category. An entrant may not win more than one prize per category.
4. Honorable mention awards may be given to additional essays of merit.
5. Winning essays will be made available to faculty and students through the publication of *Jacaranda* during the Spring 2011 semester.
6. Winning entrants will be notified by mail.



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ESSAY FORMAT

1. Each entry must be typed and double spaced. The entrants' names should not appear on the essays, which will be identified by entry blank. The essay's title must be typed with the page number in the upper-right-hand corner of each page. Besides this hard copy, please submit essay by attachment in an email to Dr. Wheeler <lwheeler@lbcc.edu>. **Save document as RTF.**
2. Entries are not to bear instructor's remarks.
3. Entrants must submit any available notes and drafts that went into the essay's composition.
4. Entrants must document primary and secondary sources using MLA parenthetical format and must include a Works Cited page. (See *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 6th ed.) A copy of this book is available at the LAC Library's reference desk.
5. Include a completed entry blank with each essay.
6. Mail or deliver entries to:

Essay Contest
Department of English, P119
Mail Code Y-16
Long Beach City College
4901 East Carson Street
Long Beach, CA 90808-2313

Essays will not be returned.

7. The Department of English wishes to offer the following information in an effort to discourage **plagiarism**: "Using another person's ideas, information, or expressions without acknowledging that person's work constitutes intellectual theft" (*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 6th ed.). Entrants should read Section 2.1 on plagiarism in the *MLA Handbook* (available in the college bookstore and in the Writing and Reading Center in the LAC library, Room 149). One major source of unintentional plagiarism stems from the use of an indirect source. The Modern Language Association says that "If what you quote or paraphrase is itself a quotation, put the abbreviation *qtd. in* ("quoted in") before the indirect source you cite in your parenthetical reference" (*MLA Handbook*).
8. Please include a 50-100 word personal biography with each essay. This biography will appear in the published journal if your essay is chosen as a winner or honorable mention.

ENTRY FORM

Student Name:

Student ID #:

Email address:

Home Address:

Home Phone Number (with area code):

(Please inform the English Dept. at 562-938-4365 if any of the above changes.)

Essay Title:

Date Submitted to Contest:

Entrants may submit only one paper per category, per semester. Entrants are advised to keep photocopies of their essays (and/or a readable back-up disk) and all notes and drafts which went into the composition.

To the best of my knowledge, this essay was written for the course below.

Instructor's Signature:

Instructor's Name (printed or typed):

Date: _____ Course: _____

Category (Please check one):

- Expository Essay:** An essay that seeks to inform the audience as its primary purpose. Such essays may be based on research materials and/or personal experience.
- Persuasive Essay:** An essay that seeks to convince the audience of a particular position. Such essays may be based on both research materials and personal experience.
- Literature Paper:** An essay whose subject matter is literature. Such essays may be either expository or persuasive in purpose.

I acknowledge that LBCC will have the right to edit, reproduce and publish my essay; LBCC assumes no responsibility for the receipt or return of any entry; and this essay is my original work.

Student's Signature:

Date: _____