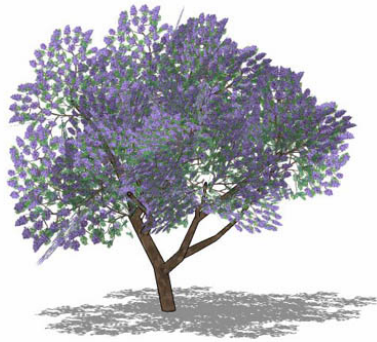


Jacaranda Essay Contest



The English Department and the LBCC Foundation are pleased to announce the Annual Jacaranda Essay Contest to acknowledge students for outstanding work written in composition and literature classes during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters.

CONTEST RULES

1. Entrants must be enrolled in an LBCC English course, and the essay must be written for a class in the LBCC English Department. 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 (*additional forms are available at www.lbcc.edu/English/Jacaranda.cfm*). In addition to the hard copy, an electronic copy must also be submitted. Files should be saved under the title of the essay.
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, Summer, and Fall entries, the deadline for submission is the last day business day of February.

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. Cash prizes are awarded in each category. An entrant may not win more than one prize per category.
4. Honorable Mention awards are given to additional essays of merit and also include prizes.
5. Winning essays will be made available to faculty and students through the publication of Jacaranda during the Spring semester.
6. Winning entrants will be notified by mail.

ESSAY FORMAT

1. **The entrants' names should not appear on the essays.** Include essay's title and page number in the upper-right-hand corner of each page. Do not staple; fasten with a paper clip.
2. Essays are not to bear instructor's remarks.
3. When needed, entrants must document all sources using MLA style and must include a Works Cited page.
4. Entrants must submit a paper copy of each submission with an entry form *and* a digital copy of the essay. Digital files should be saved under the title of the essay.

Submit hard copy to:

*Jacaranda Essay Contest
Department of English,
Long Beach City College
4901 E. Carson St.
Long Beach, CA 90808*

Email the electronic file:

Submit the digital file of your essay as an attachment (*.docx or .rtf files only*) to amurray@lbcc.edu with the subject line "Jacaranda Submission."

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Jacaranda Essay Contest Entry Form

Student Name:

Student ID #:

Email address:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

(____) _____ - _____

Essay Title:

Date Submitted to Contest: _____

(Entrants may submit only one paper per category, per semester. Entrants are advised to keep copies of their essays and all notes and drafts which went into the composition)

Instructor's Name:

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

Course: _____

Date Submitted to Class: _____

Instructor's Signature:

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 on the School's web site; LBCC assumes no responsibility for the receipt or return of any entry; and this essay is my original work.

Student Signature:

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