

# Through our Words:

## 7<sup>th</sup> Creative Writing Contest in Spanish

### A Spanish language writing contest open to all students grades 5-12 in the state of Nebraska

Sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages, Masters of Arts in Language Teaching (MALT) Program, Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS) and College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Latinos and Latin American immigrants make up about 10% of the Nebraska population. Their language, as well as their contributions to urban and rural communities, can be found everywhere. The Department of Foreign Languages and the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha have launched the 7<sup>th</sup> Creative Writing Contest in Spanish to celebrate the Spanish language and encourage its creative use among heritage and bilingual speakers, and speakers of Spanish as a second language.

#### SUBMISSIONS:

This year's selected genres are mini-poem and mini-short-story for grades 5-8; non-fiction personal narrative for grades 9-12.

- ◆ Poems should be no longer than 140 characters.
- ◆ Mini-short-stories (300 words maximum) should be inspired by a work of art housed at either the Joslyn Art Museum (JAM) or El Museo Latino, both located in Omaha. Part of the JAM's collection is accessible online. We encourage an actual visit to these museums whenever possible. The submission must indicate title and location of inspiring work of art.
- ◆ Non-fiction personal narratives (250-500 words) should respond to and include the subtitle "Diversidad: una historia personal" (Diversity: A Personal Story).
- ◆ No online translators or translating software will be accepted.
- ◆ Use of Word spelling and grammar-checking tools is highly recommended.
- ◆ Submissions must be submitted electronically and by mail.
- ◆ Deadline: October 12, 2016.

#### CATEGORIES:

- ◆ Grades 5 & 6
- ◆ Grades 7 & 8
- ◆ Grades 9 & 10
- ◆ Grades 11 & 12

#### AWARDS:

- ◆ There will be a first and second prize for each category and genre.
- ◆ Honorary mentions will receive award certificates.
- ◆ The Awards ceremony will take place at the UNO campus in November 2016 (date to be announced).

#### SEND ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS TO:

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Indicate "Creative Writing Contest" in Subject line

#### AND MAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:

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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/ollas/community-engagement/activities-conferences-events/creative-writing-contest.php>

