

Through our Words:

5th Annual 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, the Masters of Arts in Language Teaching (MALT) Program, the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS), and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Latinos and Latin American immigrants make up about 12% 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 5th Annual 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 fairy tales and illustrated poems.

- ◆ Fairy Tales: 250-600 words long.
- ◆ Illustrated poems: 10- 30 lines long. Illustrations may be black and white, or color in any media. No clip art.
- ◆ No on-line translators or translating software will be accepted.
- ◆ Use of *MS Word* spelling and grammar-checking tools is highly recommended.
- ◆ Works written in collaboration with two or more authors and author-illustrator teams are welcome.
- ◆ Works must be submitted both electronically and by mail.
- ◆ Submission deadline: March 14, 2014.

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. Prizes will include electronic and print books, e-dictionaries, and art supplies.
- ◆ Honorary mentions will receive award certificates.
- ◆ The Awards Ceremony will take place at the UNO campus in May 2014 (date to be announced).
- ◆ Award-winning entries will be displayed in original and translated versions at UNO Criss Library Main Floor Gallery in May-August, 2014.

Send electronic submissions to:

lwalls@unomaha.edu
Indicate "Creative Writing Contest"
in Subject line

Or mail submissions to:

Creative Writing Contest
c/o Dr. Laura Walls
University of Nebraska at Omaha, AS 301H
6001 Dodge Street, Omaha NE 68182

For more information go to:

<http://www.unomaha.edu/ollas/writingcontest.php>

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5th Annual Creative Writing Contest in Spanish Guardian/Parental Participation Registration Form

To be completed by the parent/legal guardian and school aged participant.

Submission Title: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's School: _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code _____

Student's Telephone: (Home) _____ (Other) _____

Student's Country of Origin: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Email: _____

Participants/Parental Rights and Assurances

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Office of Latino/Latin American Studies (OLLAS), adheres to the guidelines created by the Children's On-Line Privacy Protection Act of 1998, effective April 21, 2000. Student privacy is a top priority. Once submitted, all registration forms will be kept in the Foreign Language Department for a period of one year. The information being gathered is for the sole purpose of contacting the student and his/her teacher and to establish the contest demographic. At any time, a parent may revoke his/her consent and direct the University of Nebraska at Omaha to destroy or delete his/her information. Information disclosed to the public will be limited to the winning student's name in each contest category and his/her hometown.

I am familiar with the purpose and intent of this creative writing contest. I am willing to have my child to participate in the writing contest. I understand that my child may discontinue his/her participation in this contest at any time. My child is a voluntary participant and my signature gives consent for my child to participate in this contest.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE STUDENT'S SUBMISSION.

PLEASE SCAN and EMAIL this form or SEND via postal mail to the contest coordinator.

Please keep a copy of your submission for your records. Original submissions will not be returned.

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