

# Through our Words:

## 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 *historieta* or comic and poem/short story.

- ◆ *Historietas* should be 6-15 frames long. Illustrations may be black and white, or color in any media. No clip art will be accepted. Author-illustrator teams are welcome.
- ◆ Poem (10-30 lines long) and short story (250-600 words) 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.
- ◆ 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: March 18, 2015.

### 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 2015 (date to be announced).
- ◆ Award-winning and selected entries will be displayed at UNO Criss Library Main Floor Gallery in June-August, 2015. Poems and short stories will also be exhibited next to the inspiring work of art at the Joslyn Art Museum.

### SEND ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS TO:

[csgarcia@unomaha.edu](mailto:csgarcia@unomaha.edu)

Indicate "Creative Writing Contest" in Subject line

### AND MAIL SUBMISSIONS TO:

Creative Writing Contest  
c/o Dr. Claudia García  
University of Nebraska at Omaha, ASH 301  
6001 Dodge Street, Omaha NE 68182

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

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



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## 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Contest coordinator: Dr. Claudia García, 402-554-4837  
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