

► ESSAY CONTEST FOR 3RD -11TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY ◀



Essay Questions for Cesar E. Chavez Legacy



DEADLINE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

Elementary School (Grades 3, 4, 5)

Why is Cesar E. Chavez so important to the Country? How has his movement changed the country?

Middle School (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Cesar E. Chavez' mission was to create a better standard of living and to promote equality for all people. What does Cesar E. Chavez mean to you and how do you celebrate his legacy.

High School (Grades 9, 10, 11 ONLY) High School Seniors – Please apply for the Michigan Hispanic Caucus Scholarship. For more information, call (517) 373-8339)

Cesar E. Chavez' motto was "Si Se Puede!" which translates to "Yes, It Can Be Done!" Please incorporate the following into your essay:

- How do you interpret this phrase and how do you apply it to your own endeavors?
- Does this motto inspire you to do what some may consider "the impossible" such as taking challenging courses in High School or applying to an Ivy League college?
- How does setting high goals and having high standards for yourself improve your quality of life and the lives of others? (ESSAY MUST BE TYPED).

Winning Essay: First place winners will receive a savings bond for \$300, second place winners will receive a savings bond for \$200, and third place winners will receive a savings bond for \$100. There will be THREE winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) from each category (elementary, middle school and high school). Please include the enclosed application and essay to:

**Cesar E. Chavez Commission
P.O. Box 17024
Lansing MI 48901**

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Capital Area Cesar E. Chavez Commission
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Lansing, Michigan 48901-1002

Essay Contest Criteria

To be eligible for the Capital Area Cesar E. Chavez Commission, Essay Contest, Savings Bond Award, the following criteria must be met:

1. The applicant must be student in grades 3rd – 11th of Hispanic/Latino descent.
2. Must be in good academic standing OR with a cumulative Grade Point Average of no less than 2.50 on a 4.00 scale.
3. If applicable, a copy of the applicant's official high school transcripts must be submitted with the application.
4. Must complete the attached application, and return by Monday, September 21, 2009. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Deadline: Monday, September 21, 2009

The Capital Area Cesar Chavez Commission will evaluate all applications received by the deadline. Applications must be postmarked no later than Monday, September 21, 2009. The applications will be reviewed for completeness, and then evaluated for eligibility. Selection is based on the applicant's academic performance, community service and demonstrated financial need. **The award winner will be notified by Friday, September 25, 2006.**

Presentation of Savings Bonds:

The essay contest winners will be recognized at the Awards Recognition Banquet on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00pm. First place winners will receive a savings bond for \$300, second place winners will received a savings bond for \$200, and third place winner will receive a savings bond for \$100. Winning students will receive three complimentary tickets. Additional tickets are \$35.

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2009 Essay Contest Application

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s):

Home:(_____) _____

Work:(_____) _____

Cell:(_____) _____

High School: _____

Expected Graduation: _____

Career Goal: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian's combined annual income annual for 2008	
\$20,000 or below	
\$21,000-\$40,000	
\$41,000-\$60,000	
\$61,000-\$80,000	

***Check the box that applies to your family.**

Household Size: _____ Number of household members currently attending college: _____

► SAVINGS BOND APPLICATION FOR GRADES 3-11TH ONLY ◀

School/Community Service

Activities: _____

Sex: Male __ Female: __ Date of Birth: _____

The following items MUST be included with your application:

- 6) Official high school transcripts
- 7) Two (2) letters of recommendation from a counselor, teacher, community leader, or employer.
- 8) Please complete a one to two page typed essay detailing your future plans and an explanation of how this scholarship would assist you in achieving your goals. Be sure to explain how your future plans coincide with bettering the Hispanic community

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have submitted for this application is correct and complete.

If offered an award, the MHC and/or a scholarship sponsor has permission to use my name, non-confidential information, high school name, and name of award in their promotional materials.

Yes ___ No ___

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit this application and all required materials by Monday, September 21, 2009.

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*If you have questions regarding this application, please contact:
Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs at (517) 373-8339*