

CABE 2018

Embracing Multilingualism: From Policy to Powerful Practices

Award Nominations Guidelines for CABE 2018 Annual Conference

Student Writing Contest

The Student Writing Contest for the CABE 2018 Conference in Sacramento, California, will focus on the many advantages of being bilingual/biliterate. The theme for this year's writing contest is **"How does being bilingual/multilingual make dreams come true?"**

All students who enter the writing contest will be acknowledged for their efforts. Winners will be selected by a committee in four grade level categories, K – 2nd, 3rd – 5th, 6th – 8th, and 9th – 12th, based on the following criteria:

- Content — How well the writing captures the essence of the theme
- Language — The use of expressive, authentic, rich language
- Genre — The creative use of literary forms (such as short essay, poetry, narrative, biography or song).
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Students are encouraged to approach this writing contest in an imaginative and meaningful manner, expressing themselves in English and another language. Teachers can assist students in focusing on the theme by exploring how their bilingual/biliteracy skills will enhance their opportunities for learning, career, leadership, self-esteem, as well as the development of their cultural legacy in their future. The use of the writing process is encouraged (prewriting, sharing, revising, editing, and publishing) to develop a meaningful and expressive literary piece. Each literary piece should focus on the theme and demonstrate final editing quality.

Criteria

- Entry must include cover page with student name, official school name, grade level and teacher name
- Essay must include student author name, grade level and teacher's name.
- Writings should be typed double-spaced, three pages maximum.
- Student writings in two languages -- English and the student's other language
- Students must be bilingual/biliterate or learning another language.
- Color photo (high resolution, digital format)

Winners will be notified on January 31, 2018. One winner per grade level category will be selected. Children will read their essay or excerpts from the essay at the CABE 2018 Seal of Excellence and Student Writing Contest Dinner Banquet, on Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, California and will receive four banquet tickets (awardee and 3 guests) along with a monetary prize: K-2 Grade Level - \$200.00; 3rd – 5th Grade Level - \$300.00; 6th – 8th Grade Level - \$500.00; and 9th – 12th Grade Level - \$1,000.00.

Winners will also receive transportation to the CABE Conference along with one night stay - Friday night (if needed). Online submission should be received on or before the December 8, 2017, 5pm (PST) deadline. Submissions received after deadline will not be accepted. Please note that students who have received the CABE Contest Award within the last 3 years are not eligible.