

## 2011 BLACK HERITAGE ESSAY WRITING CONTEST GUIDELINES

**Essay Topic:** "IF I WERE GIVEN ONE BILLION DOLLARS TO SPEND ON IMPROVING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN MY CITY, I WOULD USE THE MONEY IN AT LEAST THREE WAYS."

**Essays will be judged on content, organization, clarity, originality, creativity, word usage, grammar and punctuation.**

**SPONSOR:** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter

**WHEN:** Students are asked to write during the month of February and submit essays by March 1, 2011.

**WHO:** Middle and High School students in grades 6-12.

**ESSAY:** All essays must be 2 pages in length (maximum 3 pages) and typed (Font Size 12 and Font Style Times New Roman) on 8 1/2 x 11 white paper. Essays will be judged on originality, creativity, and content, clarity of thought, grammar, sentence structure, word usage and punctuation. Essays must be accompanied by an entry form.

**CRITERIA:** A quality essay should have all or most of the following:

- Several well developed paragraphs, beginning with an introduction and ending with a conclusion.
- Evidence of careful research and correct information.
- Correct use of Standard English, punctuation and spelling.
- Good sentence structure, using a variety of sentence types.
- Originality and creativity
- Typewritten, legible copy

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| <b>*PRIZES:</b> | <b>Middle School</b> | <b>High School</b> |
|                 | First Place \$125    | First Place \$125  |
|                 | Second Place \$100   | Second Place \$100 |
|                 | Third Place \$ 75    | Third Place \$ 75  |

**\*Winners are required to read their essays at the Awards Breakfast in April.**

**ENTRY FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2011:**

**MAIL TO:** DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.  
**ATTN: BLACK HERITAGE ESSAY COMMITTEE**  
LOS ANGELES SOUTH BAY ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
P. O. BOX 11025  
CARSON, CALIFORNIA 90749

For more information, contact: Dr. L. Fields-Robinson at (310) 608-0600 or Ms. C. Hunter at (310) 365-7075 to receive an entry form and contest rules.

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**Ms. Linda Evans, President**

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**ENTRY FORM**

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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

School Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goal:  
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