

ENTRY FORM

Kids Speakout: Diversity in our Schools ESSAY WRITING CONTEST



Topic: Why is diversity important in our schools?

Deadline: March 30, 2007, 5:00 PM ET

What Is Diversity?

The word diversity means lots of different types of things. Think of how many kinds of fruits, or T-shirts, or books there are. How about all of the many types of housing and transportation that exist? Or the amazing variety of birds, plants, and fish found all over the world?

As a society we have a lot in common, but there is also a great deal of diversity. Skin, hair, and eyes all have lots of interesting colors. Our bodies are different, too, in size and shape. Every single one of us has unique fingerprints.

People are diverse in other ways, too. We live in different places, have different kinds of jobs, and go to different schools. We have a variety of ethnic backgrounds and beliefs. And we speak many different languages and differ in our thoughts and feelings.

To really check out diversity, look around your town or city and around your school. How many shades of skin color do you see? Then think about the different ways people in your community worship, work, and play. Where do their families come from? What languages do they speak to communicate? How do they study and learn at school? It's not the same for everyone - that's for sure.

Student ages twelve through seventeen can participate in the *Kids Speakout: Diversity in our Schools Essay Writing Contest* by submitting, in their own words, an essay answering the following question: "**Why is diversity important in our schools?**"

The Contest and the Rules:

Before submitting anything to the contest, please make sure to read the *Kids Speakout: Diversity in Our Schools Essay Writing Contest* Official Rules and Submission Agreement (the "Official Rules and Submission Agreement") carefully. The terms and conditions of the Official Rules and Submission Agreement govern this contest.

The Essay:

- **In the form of an essay, tell us what you think about why diversity is important in our schools.**
- Your essay must be your original work, and demonstrate that you understand the topic of the contest, and how it relates to you or your life, school, and community.
- Your essay must be no more than 500 words.
- Your essay may be typed or handwritten legibly.

How to Submit Your Essay:

Submissions may be sent by mail, email or fax, to be received by March 30, 2007, 5:00 p.m. ET. Each essay must be accompanied by a completed copy of this entry form. You may only enter the contest once!

Please provide all of the following information:

Name: _____

Age: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address (if submitting by email): _____

Date: _____, 2007

How did you hear about this contest? _____

<p>PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: BY MARKING THIS BOX <input type="checkbox"/>, I INDICATE THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFICIAL RULES AND SUBMISSION AGREEMENT, AVAILABLE AT http://www.rollbackcampaign.org/.</p>
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If you wish to enter the contest by mail or fax:

- Print out this entry form and fill it out completely in accordance with these instructions (including by indicating your acceptance to the Official Rules and Submission Agreement by writing an "X" in the space provided above).

Submit your completed entry form, along with your essay of 500 words or less, to NYLPI, either by facsimile to **(212) 244-4570** (with a cover sheet that clearly states "**ATTN: NCRCR**"), or by first class United States mail (postage prepaid) or nationally-recognized courier to **ATTN — Essay Contest, National Campaign to Restore Civil Rights, 151 West 30th Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10001.**

- Your entire submission, including this entry form and your essay, must be submitted in the same envelope or package if submitting by mail, or the same facsimile transmission if submitting by fax. (Make sure that your name is printed clearly on your essay, in case your entry form and essay get separated.)

If you wish to enter the contest by email:

- Copy this entire entry form into your word processor and fill it out completely in accordance with these instructions (including by indicating your acceptance to the Official Rules and Submission Agreement by typing an "X" in the space provided above).
- Attach your completed entry form, along with your essay of 500 words or less, to a single email and send it to **rollback@nylpi.org**. Your entire submission, including this entry form and your essay, must be included in or attached to the same email message. (Make sure that your name is included on your essay, in case your entry form and essay get separated).

Prizes:

Prizes include \$500 to be awarded to the winner of the essay contest, and \$100 gift certificates for each of the three runners-up.

SEE THE OFFICIAL RULES AND SUBMISSION AGREEMENT FOR COMPLETE TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE CONTEST. THIS CONTEST IS VOID OUTSIDE OF THE ELIGIBILITY AREA (DEFINED IN THE OFFICIAL RULES AND SUBMISSION AGREEMENT) AND WHERE OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW.