

[Puerto Rican Heritage Month Essay Competition \[1\]](#)

Dear ASPIRANTES and Teachers of ASPIRANTES:

As part of our strategic alliance with **Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños at Hunter College (CUNY)**, we have joined Centro in the celebration of **Puerto Rican Heritage Month, November 2010**.

First Annual National Essay Competition: To involve our students in the PR Heritage Month celebration, we (ASPIRA National) would like to sponsor an **essay competition** among Aspirantes on a topic related to Puerto Rican heritage. ASPIRA high school students, with the support of a teacher at school or advisor would compete nationally. It can be students from ASPIRA schools or from schools where we have an ASPIRA Club.

Who: ASPIRA high school juniors and seniors

Topics for Puerto Rican students:

1. What does it mean to me to be Puerto Rican;
2. Why I am proud to be Puerto Rican;
3. How has my family history shaped who I am and what I want to be;
4. A Puerto Rican who has made a positive difference in our community and why;
5. Topic on the History of Puerto Ricans.

Topics for Non-Puerto Rican students:

- A Puerto Rican who has made a positive difference in our community and why;
- A Puerto Rican that has helped me;
- Topic in the history of Puerto Ricans.

Language, Length and Format: The essay may be in English or Spanish, 6 pages single spaced, 2,000 words maximum in 12 points font.

Deadline for submission: November 24, 2010.

Selection: A panel of Puerto Rican experts and scholars from Centro would select the finalists.

Finalists and winner: five (5) finalists, among which **1 winner** would be selected nationally.

Prizes:

- **First Place:** The winner would receive a \$500 scholarship and his/her teacher would receive a \$500 cash prize.
- **Second Place:** a \$250 scholarship for the student and a cash prize of \$250 for his/her teacher
- **Third Place:** a \$150 scholarship for the student and a cash prize of \$150 for his/her teacher

Award Notification: The prizes would be awarded via a national webinar broadcast by HITN Network. The winner will read portions of his/her essay.

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