

2013 VFLA Essay Contest

The VFLA Essay Contest is now open for all language students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

NEW THIS YEAR: Students will write their essay in English and compose a short 75 word autobiography or profile in their target language to accompany their essays. ELL students should write their bio in English and specify that English is not their first language.

TOPICS:

Elementary School (Maximum of 150 words)

There are many languages in the world. What language beside your own would you like to learn? Give three reasons to support your choice.

Middle School (Maximum of 250 words)

There are many languages spoken in the world. By learning another language, we move towards having one united voice. Explain how with three different examples. Be sure to elaborate on each example.

High School (Maximum of 350 words)

Many Languages, One United Voice: how can this happen? Explain with three different examples. Be sure to elaborate on each example.

The essays will be evaluated based on the following criteria: USE OF TOPIC, development of ideas, originality, organization, word choice and vocabulary, and grammar and mechanics.

Requirements for submission:

- Each entry must be an original work of a current foreign language student (including students enrolled in an ESL class) whose teacher is currently a VFLA member.
- Essays must have a title, be typed (Times New Roman font at 12 points) and double spaced.
- There can be no more than 3 (THREE) entries per class.
- Names must be omitted from the front page but teachers are required to submit the official entry form below with their entries.
- The completed and signed form must be attached to or replicated on the back of the essay.
- If outside sources are used, they must be cited appropriately.

Awards:

- \$50 will be awarded to two students **in each of the three categories** for a total of six contest winners.
- All entrants will receive a certificate of participation. A letter of appreciation will be sent to all VFLA members whose students participate in the contest. In addition, letters of appreciation will be sent to the principal and superintendent of participating schools.
- Winners will be posted on www.vfla.org.
- Certificates and acknowledgements will be sent out at a later date.

Deadline: All essays must be postmarked or emailed by **March 15, 2013**.

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Students should not mark their names anywhere on their essay.
Please attach this form to the back of the essay.

Student's name: _____

Class Level: _____

Teacher's name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Circle one: **Elementary** **Middle** **High**

I, _____, certify that the attached essay was solely my work and that I cited appropriately the outside sources that I used.

(student signature)

(date)

Teacher Signature: _____