

Asian & Pacific Islander American Heritage Month



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Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, the City of Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles
Asian & Pacific Islander American Heritage Month Committee
Invite you to participate in this year's

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"TIME TO WRITE" CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Purpose: To celebrate Asian & Pacific Islander American heritage and to promote greater access to the arts in Los Angeles

Theme: "Honoring Our Pioneers and Uniting Future Generations"

To participate in this Creative Writing competition, it is required that you choose one of the following figures from Asian & Pacific Islander American history and connect it to the theme:

Charlie Apana (a Hawaii detective); **Katherine Cheung** (Chinese American aviator/barnstorming pilot); **Connie Chung** (first Chinese American to co-anchor a major network's national news broadcast); **Le Ly Hayslip** (Vietnamese American writer); **Dosan Ahn Chang Ho** (Korean American civil rights activist and leader); **Larry Itliong** (Filipino American union organizer); **Mubarak Ali Khan** (Asian Indian and head of The India Welfare League); **Yuri Kochiyama** (Japanese American civil rights activist); **K.W. Lee** (Pioneering Korean American journalist); **Sammy Lee** (Korean American who won two gold medals in the U.S. Olympics diving team); **Queen Liliuokalani** (the last reigning monarch of the Hawaiian Islands); **Dr. Haing S. Ngor** (First Cambodian American to win an Academy Award); **Betty Ong** (Chinese American flight attendant who was on the plane that crashed into the World Trade Center); **Ellison Onizuka** (Japanese American astronaut killed in the Challenger explosion).

Eligibility: Any youth living in Los Angeles County (in grades 6-12 in public, private, or charter school)

Guidelines for Entry:

- Creative writing must be an original work and not previously published
- Entry can be a poem, song, a narrative, an imagined story, etc.
- Entry should be creative a standard biography will not be accepted
- Must NOT exceed one page
- Entry must be TYPED • Handwritten entries will NOT be accepted
- Entries will be judged based on originality in interpreting the figure chosen; creativity; clarity of the writing; and knowledge of Asian & Pacific Islander American History
- Only one entry per person (Previous Heritage Creative Writing winners in calendar years 2007 – 2008 are ineligible for 1st Place)

Each entry must have the following information:

1. Title of entry
2. Student full name & visible grade level
3. Student home mailing address
4. Student home phone or cell phone
5. School name & address
6. Teacher's full name, telephone number & e-mail

Submit essay(s) to:

Department of Cultural Affairs
Attn: Youth Arts and Education Program
201 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1400
Los Angeles, CA 90012
email: rebeca.querrero@lacity.org

Deadline: Entries **MUST** arrive in our office by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 30, 2008** (this is **not** a postmark date)
Emailed entries as an attached word document are encouraged. Submit to rebeca.querrero@lacity.org

Prizes: Divisions 1-3: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive prizes from Time Warner Cable and The Walt Disney Company.

Additional prizes will be distributed at the event from our sponsors.

Winners will be notified via phone call the week of May 5, 2008. The class of the winning student will be invited to attend an awards ceremony with Mayor Villaraigosa to be held on **Tuesday, May 20, 2008**. (Date subject to change.) Details of the awards ceremony will be provided at the time of winning notification.

All winning entries become the property of the City of Los Angeles. The City has the right to reproduce or publish the materials in any medium for current or future use in educational materials and programs. Selection of winners by the committee is final.

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