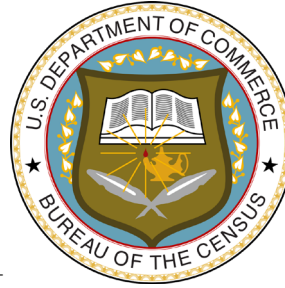


**13th Annual HHM Essay Contest:
"2020 Census: It is about fair representation"**

**United States
Census
2020**



The Nebraska Latino American Commission and other members of the Hispanic Heritage Month State Celebration Planning Committee invite Nebraska 10th, 11th and 12th high school students to enter the 2019 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest. The theme for the contest is "2020 Census: It is about us and our schools."

Students are encouraged to write about the upcoming 2020 Census process and the immediate impact of its results, especially on the education sector. Essays should address the following: (1) Why do you consider the 2020 Census important? (2) Why an accurate Census count is important to your schools? (3) How can you and your school get involved in the Census process, keeping in mind the challenges facing the hard-to-count populations?

Eligibility: All high school students (10-11 - 12 grade) attending a Nebraska school.

Entry: The contest will commence September 1, 2019 and ends on September 20, 2019. The essay must be submitted along with the entry form (attached to these instructions). Winning entries will be recognized at the Hispanic Heritage Month State Celebration scheduled for October 11th, 2019 at the Nebraska Capitol Rotunda (Lincoln, Nebraska) from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Nebraska Latino-American Commission reserves the right to publish the winning entries on its website (www.latinoac.nebraska.gov) or publications. Entries can be submitted in English or Spanish.

Deadline: September 20, 2019.

Submission: Electronic entries must be e-mailed to leo.barrientos@nebraska.gov -via fax at (402) 471-4381 -or regular mail to:

**Nebraska Latino -American Commission
Attn: Leo Barrientos
PO Box 94965
Lincoln, NE 68509-4965**

Rules: The essay must be original content that is handwritten in ink or typed. IT MUST BE RELATED TO THE THEME.

For Grades 10-11-12: Between 500-600 words.

Judging Criteria: Creativity and content will be used to judge essays. Grammar and punctuation will be a consideration in judging essays as well as its connection with the theme.

The judges will represent state and government agencies, advocacy organizations, and public entities. Judging is scheduled for October 6, 2019. Essay contest winners will be notified by October 4, 2019.

AWARDS

(Three awards will be given) Grades 10, 11 & 12

\$250 (1st place); \$200.00 (2nd place); \$150 (3rd place)

Entry Form
13th Annual Nebraska Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest

THEME: "2020 Census: It is about fair representation"

Student's Name _____ Student's Grade _____

Student's home address _____

Student's home phone number _____

Parent/guardian first and last name (no signature required) – PLEASE PRINT

Essay Title _____
(if different than the theme)

***NOTE:** Required information if essay was written as a part of a class assignment.

*Name of School: _____ Phone Number: _____

*Address of School: _____

*Name of Teacher: _____

*Teacher E-mail address: _____

For Questions: Contact the Nebraska Latino-American Commission at (402) 471-2791 or by e-mail at Leo.Barrientos@nebraska.gov

Entry Submission: Please submit this entry form with the essay by **September 30th, 2019.**

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