
A Student Celebration of the Free Enterprise Experience

In recognition of the positive efforts of free enterprise and economic education, the Stavros Center at the University of South Florida will provide cash awards of up to \$200.00 to the student-winners of this essay contest.

Deadline:

All entries must be postmarked on or before **Friday, January 11, 2008**.



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Free Enterprise Essay Contest 2007-2008

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Essay Contest Rules

Eligibility:

Students in grades 3-12 in Desoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, and Sarasota Counties

Criteria:

The student essays are judged on the following criteria:

- Demonstration of an understanding of the U.S. Free Enterprise System as it relates to the specific topic
- Demonstration of writing skills appropriate to the grade level of the student
- Creativity and originality

Judging:

A committee of judges will select the winning entries. The judges will be business and education leaders in the Greater Tampa Bay area.

How to Enter:

- The entry form accompanying this announcement must be completed and submitted with the essay. Additional forms may be copied or obtained from the USF Stavros Center by calling 813/974-2175.
- Entry forms must be signed by a private or public school teacher working with the student during the 2007-2008 school year.
- Mail or deliver essay to:

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Resources:

Visit the Stavros Center website and click the contest link for information on print and AV resources available for check-out from the Center, as well as links to helpful websites.



<http://stavros.coedu.usf.edu>

Requirements:

- Elementary essays maximum length 150 words
- Middle School essays maximum length 300 words
- Senior High essays maximum length 700 words

Writing prompt:

Hooray! You've decided to start your own business. Explain your creative idea for a business you believe will be successful in the Tampa Bay area. Describe the customers who'll be interested in your product or service. Explain what will make your business more successful than your competition. Include an advertisement for your business. (The ad must be presented on ONE 8 1/2" x 11" page.)

Awards:

Each participating student will receive a recognition letter and ribbon. Letters will be mailed to all entrants during the third week of January 2008. The top essays in each category will be awarded cash prizes in the following amounts:

- Elementary School (3-5) 1st place = \$200, 2nd place = \$75, 3rd place = \$50
- Middle School (6-8) 1st place = \$200, 2nd place = \$75, 3rd place = \$50
- Senior High (9-12) 1st place = \$200, 2nd place = \$75, 3rd place = \$50

Deadline:

All entries must be postmarked on or before **Friday, January 11, 2008**. Entries may also be delivered in person to the USF Stavros Center by 4:00 p.m. on January 11, 2008. Please call if you have any questions: 813/974-2175.

Stavros Center Essay Contest Entry Form Please Print

Student's Name: ()Mr. ()Ms.

Home Address: _____

City: _____, FL

Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Title of Essay: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____, FL

Zip: _____

School Telephone: _____

School Fax: _____

County: _____

Teacher: ()Mr. ()Ms.

Grade/Subject: _____

School Principal: _____

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

I understand that all entries become the property of the USF Stavros Center and they will not be returned.

Student's Signature: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

