

# ChamberSouth Essay Contest 2011

Chamber South's Education & Business Committee, in an effort to help develop writing skills, future leaders and an understanding of how individuals can make a difference, has developed a 500 word essay contest in conjunction with the Miami Dade County Public School System. You may choose to write an answer to either of the following subjects:

1. There appears to be apathy among youth today as to political involvement. If given the opportunity, what would you do to change it?

OR

2. Should politicians be held to a higher ethical standard than you and I?

## Prizes: Winning students will each receive the following:

- A VIP trip to Tallahassee as part of the Chamber South's Legislative Day on the Hill in April 5-6 2011. Winning students will attend meetings with local legislators during this two-day event, along with tours of the Old and New Capitol and the Supreme Court. Meals, transportation and accommodations are covered for each winner and their chaperone.
- Winning essays will be published on Chamber South's website and submitted to our local media.

**Essay Deadline: November 15, 2010.**

**Winners will be announced: On or around December 15th, 2010.**

## Contest Rules:

- **School must be a member of Chamber South or the contestant must be sponsored by a Chamber South Member.**
- Essays must be based on either of the two questions above.
- Students must be either Juniors or Seniors
- This event is an approved field trip by Miami Dade Public School System.
- Essays must be no less than 400 and no more than 500 words including the selected question.
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced.
- Identify the essay question at the top of your essay.
- At the bottom of the essay please include your name, school or sponsor name, teacher name, parent/guardian name, and contact phone numbers.
- The essays must be delivered to ChamberSouth office, see address below - no exceptions.
- Essay contestants with a chaperone must be able to attend ChamberSouth's event in Tallahassee in order to be selected.
- Any additional questions should be directed to Mary Scott Russell, ChamberSouth CEO, 305.661.1621 or Donald Marx, Essay Chair 305.378.0817 ext 113.

## Instructions to Students and/or Teachers

**Please return completed essays to ChamberSouth 6410 S.W. 80<sup>th</sup> Street, S. Miami, FL no later than 4:30 PM November 15, 2010. This form must be COMPLETED & attached to your essay. No FAXED copies will be accepted.**

I understand that both the student completing the essay and the parent or guardian if selected as a winner are required to attend the ChamberSouth Essay Event, which is tentatively scheduled for April 5-6, 2011. Actual date of the event is subject to change based on legislative schedules.

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*Student's Signature*

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*Parent or Guardian's Signature*

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*Print Student's Name & Contact Number Print*

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*Print Parent/Guardian's Name & Contact Number*

**By signing the above I agree should my child win one of the VIP trips, I will provide an adult chaperone to accompany my child on this trip.**