

Section 966: LATINO HISTORY ESSAY COMPETITION

(a) THE CONTEST. PURPOSE.

- (1) *Purpose.* The purpose of the Latino History Essay Competition is to provide a unique opportunity for high school students to research and record past and present contributions of Latino communities of Texas. Essays should focus on a prominent or relatively unknown Latino individual, organization or

movement in Texas history and how the subject of the essay significantly influenced today's Latino communities.

- (2) **Format.** Research paper format required. Guidelines and minimum standards will be posted on the UIL website. Essays should display original research; use of primary sources and interviews strongly encouraged.
- (b) **ENTRIES**
 - (1) **Representation.** Any student in grades 9-12 who attends a UIL member high school is eligible to enter.
 - (2) **Deadline.** Entries will be submitted electronically on or before the deadline published on the UIL website.
 - (3) **Evaluation.** All entries that meet basic requirements will be included in essay judging. Judges will evaluate each entry and provide comments that will be returned to contestants.
- (c) **QUALIFICATION.** Judges will nominate essays to be considered as state finalists. A selection committee will determine state finalists from among the nominees. All state finalists will be presented state awards and become eligible to apply for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships.