

Zócalo Public Square High School Essay Contest

Sponsored by The Southern California Gas Company



Deadline: January 31st, 2011

Eligibility

- Current high school seniors under the age of 19 and enrolled in the Los Angeles Unified School District are welcome to enter the essay contest.

Essay Guidelines

- Essays must answer the question, “What is the most powerful way to make your community stronger?”
- Essays must be no longer than 1,000 words.
- Essays must have only one author.

- Essays must be submitted by **January 31st, 2011** to essays@zocalopublicsquare.org.
- Essays must include the telephone number, email address, mailing address, and school affiliation of the entrant.
- Essays may be submitted by a student, a teacher, or a principal.
- Teachers may submit multiple entries on behalf of their students, provided they include all information requested in this section.

Judging

- Zócalo Public Square will judge the submitted essays on the basis of: following the essay guidelines; originality of ideas; depth of analysis; and writing style.
- Judging and selection of winners is under the sole discretion of Zócalo Public Square.

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Awards

- The Southern California Gas Company will award scholarships to the winners in the amount of \$1,000 for first place; \$750 for second place; and \$500 for third place.
- Upon notification, winners must submit a photograph of themselves to Zócalo by email.
- The winners will be invited to and recognized at an awards ceremony to be held in March 2011.
- Zócalo Public Square will publish the winning essays on its website, www.zocalopublicsquare.org, and reserves the right to edit the essays for grammar, length, and style.
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Privacy

- The three winning essays become the property of Zócalo Public Square. By entering the contest, the entrant grants Zócalo the right to publish and distribute his or her essay for media and publicity purposes, along with the entrant’s name, school, and photograph, without compensation.

