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Literary contest  
Escribo en español  
2022-23  
XXXI edition

The contest is open to California public school students who are studying Spanish

## Topic: “Una experiencia inolvidable”

### Participating categories

There are six different participating categories:

1. Grades 9 to 11: non-Spanish speakers
2. Grades 9 to 11: Spanish speakers
3. Grades 6 to 8: non-Spanish speakers
4. Grades 6 to 8: Spanish speakers
5. Grades 3 to 5: non-Spanish speakers
6. Grades 3 to 5: Spanish speakers

There will be three winners and one finalist for each category.

The students must focus on the topic and write an essay or a poem in Spanish about their thoughts, suggestions, perceptions and ideas in a clear, appealing and grammatically correct manner.

### Prizes

The 24 best entries (top 4 for each category) will receive:

- ◇ A certificate of recognition signed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Education Attaché at the Consulate General of Spain in Los Angeles
- ◇ A package of books in Spanish (or ebook digital licenses)
- ◇ A copy of the 2023 Edition of *Escribo en Español*

**The first-place winner in the 9 to 11 grade non-Spanish speaking category and the teacher(\*) responsible for the student will receive a 2-week full scholarship for a language course in Spanish in Salamanca, Spain, during the 2023 summer. These courses are sponsored by Tía Tula, International Spanish School. The scholarships include tuition, lodging, meals and cultural activities. A \$1,000 check for the student travel expenses is sponsored by Casa de España, Inc, Los Ángeles and a \$250 check is sponsored by Mr. Wilko Schutzendorf, from Becker Financial Group.**

**The first-place winner in the 9 to 11 grade Spanish speaking category and the teacher (\*) responsible for the student will receive a 2-week full scholarship for a language course in Málaga, Spain, during the 2023 summer. This course is sponsored by Malaca Instituto. The scholarships include tuition, lodging, breakfast & lunch, and cultural activities. A \$1,000 check for the student travel expenses is sponsored by Casa de España, Inc, Los Ángeles and a \$250 check is sponsored by Mr. Wilko Schutzendorf, from Becker Financial Group.**

**N.B.: All the teachers participating in the contest will receive a free on-line Spanish language and culture webinar sponsored by Tía Tula, International Spanish School.**

Note that all winners must have a valid passport.

Note that the second qualifying student/teacher in the same category will receive the scholarship if the winner declines. The third qualifying student /teacher will receive it if the second also declines, and so on.

(\*) It is required that he/she teaches Spanish at High School level and that he/she has not previously benefitted from a scholarship in the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León.



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**Tía Tula** is an International Spanish School located in the heart of historic Salamanca (Spain). University town since the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Salamanca has been a point of reference in the teaching and learning of Spanish as a foreign language. Thanks to its extraordinary staff and academic program, *Tía Tula* is an *Instituto Cervantes* accredited center. *Tía Tula* offers Spanish immersion programs for high school and college students who wish to come here either as a group (chaperoned by their teachers) or individually. Spanish teacher professional development courses, translation and interpreting courses and lessons via Skype are also available. The School also prepares and examines DELE (Diplomas of Spanish as a Foreign Language).

Further information: <http://www.tiatula.com/>



Malaca Instituto is an international School of Spanish located in Málaga (Spain). Malaca Instituto offers different courses from Hispanic Studies and courses for teachers to DELE Exam preparation in its everything-on-site campus. It has more than 50 years' experience in teaching Spanish and has received different awards such as Super Star status by the Study Travel Magazine and Pioneer "Language Educator of the Year". Malaca Instituto is also an Instituto Cervantes accredited center.

Further information: <https://malacainstituto.com/en/>



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<http://www.casadeespanalosangeles.com>

Detail page: <http://www.casadeespanalosangeles.com/certamen.htm>

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## Participation procedure:

- ⇒ Teachers will need to send their students the attached Word format template so they can type their essays in their computer and save them with their name and last name (example: CarmenEspina.docx).
- ⇒ The text should be typed in **Arial 12**. The **approximate length** of each written entry should be the following:
  - 250 to 500 words for grades 3 to 5
  - 500 to 1000 words for grades 6 to 8
  - 800 to 1200 words for grades 9 to 11In the case of poems, the length may vary.
- ⇒ Teachers may provide their students with general guidance and orientation, but they should neither direct nor correct the students' work.
- ⇒ Teachers will need to preselect **10 essays maximum** among their participating students (if they have students in different grades, they can preselect **10 essays per grade**).
- ⇒ Teachers will check that each essay they have preselected includes all the information required at the top of the Word page and that the student's name, the teacher's name and school name are not mentioned in the actual essay.
- ⇒ **Teachers** will need to fill in the [Certamen literario Escribo en español 2022-2023](#) form with the information of each of the students they have preselected.
- ⇒ Once the form has been completed for all the entries, the teacher will need to send an email with all the essays attached in Word format (each document named with the student's name and surname) to the address:  
**[escriboen espanol@educacion.gov.es](mailto:escriboen espanol@educacion.gov.es)**  
and post the printed essays in an envelope to:  
**Sonia Cabrerizo Diago**  
**Education Office**  
**Consulate General of Spain**  
**1405 Sutter Street**  
**San Francisco, CA 94109**
- ⇒ All entries submitted following the previous instructions will be considered: the form filled in for each preselected student and the essays sent by email in Word format and printed by postal mail.
- ⇒ **The due date to fill in the form and send the essays by email and by postal mail is February 17, 2023.**
- ⇒ All teachers will receive an email communication of the results of the contest (a list with the winners and finalists in the 6 categories) by the end of **April 2023**.
- ⇒ The awards ceremonies for the north and the south of California winners will take place at the beginning of June. The teachers who have winning students and finalists will be informed in good time of the place and time of both ceremonies, in Los Angeles and in San Francisco.
- ⇒ **ALL THE INFORMATION AT:** <https://bit.ly/2AUJYj0>  
**Promotional video:** [https://youtu.be/V\\_K1RR0EMI4](https://youtu.be/V_K1RR0EMI4)