



“Celebrate America” Creative Writing Contest

The “Celebrate America” Creative Writing Contest inspires fifth graders across the United States to reflect on and write about the themes “Why I’m Glad America Is a Nation of Immigrants” or “What Does It Mean to Be a Welcoming Nation.”

The assignment and accompanying educational experiences provide America’s classrooms with an important opportunity to explore immigration and inclusion.

Past winners have documented the experience of immigrants who have left their homelands in search of a more promising future in America, spoken of their own immigrant experiences, or have reflected on the journey of their parents/ancestors.

Students submit their work to local contests which are sponsored by chapters of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). Each chapter forwards the local winning entry to the American Immigration Council’s national competition, made possible due to the generous support of the Murthy NAYAK Foundation.

The grand prize winner (and two guests) will win a trip to read their entry at an awards ceremony hosted by the American Immigration Council.

Get Started

Give your fifth graders an opportunity to explore, write about and understand a topic of perennial importance. The written entries must be limited to 500 words. **Contact your local contest coordinator to participate!**