



Letter to My Parents Contest in Hawai'i 2022

Invitation: \$500 Cash Prize Essay Writing Contest

The Letter to My Parents Contest™ Organizing Committee invites teens and young adults to win \$500 and other various prizes!

Who can participate?

Anyone between 14-22 of age living in the State of Hawai'i has the chance to participate in the 2022 Letter to My Parents™ Contest!

What to do?

A contestant must write a letter to his/her parents with a constructive proposal and the intention of maintaining or improving his/her relationship!

What to write?

A contestant is strongly encouraged to use one or more of the following suggested guiding questions:

- What have I felt about my family during the pandemic?
- What do my parent(s) / family mean to me?
- What would I like to do for my parent(s) / family?
- How have my parents' experiences and influence affected or shaped the person I am today?
- How can I improve relationships in my family?
- What steps will I commit myself to, in order to make our family relationships better?

Time Schedule

September 6, 2022: Official contest guideline will be available; the submission of the letters will also be accepted

September 30, 2022: Last Day of Submission

October 14, 2022: Selection of Finalists

November 6, 2022: Final Presentation and Awarding Ceremony at the Bishop Museum, Starting at 1 p.m.

Suggestion to Educators

This is a great way to know more about your students! The letter allows students to unveil a portion of their life which may be informative for the educator, giving the opportunity to know more about his/her students! Please encourage your students to be part of this contest, either as a homework, class project or an extra credit!

More details available in the back. Check out the 2022 contest guidelines!

For questions contact info@lettertomyparents.com



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— CONTEST GUIDELINES —

1. INVITATION

It is challenging to live fulfilled lives without our parents. Family has always been the basis of our society. Family unity is what helps people grow both as individuals and as members of society. However, for the past two years, for many individuals, the role and meaning of family has changed. Therefore, it is truly important, more than ever, to create a forum where the local youth and young adults can express and share their feelings as well as their commitment to assist their families in overcoming obstacles and moving forward. Thus, for the first time in two years, Kalamansi Books and Things, the Filipino Association of University Women (FAUW), and Reiyukai America are pleased to invite teens and young adults residing in the State of Hawai'i to participate in the Letter to My Parents Contest™ in Hawai'i 2022!

2. PROCEDURE

A contestant must write a letter dedicated to his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and submit it to the Organizing Committee via email along with other required documents. There is no entry fee. The letters will go through a couple of selection processes to select ten (10) awardees. The Final Stage consists of a presentation where the ten awardees will read their letters in front of a general audience as well as a panel of judges who will be selecting three (3) most share-worthy letters in the following categories: Bravery, Reflection, and Proposal.

3. PRIZES AND AWARDS

The ten awardees will be granted, at a minimum, the following prizes.

- A \$50 Gift Certificate
- A Certificate of Participation.

In addition to the above, the three most share-worthy letters, selected by the judges, will be awarded with a \$500 cash prize presented by the organizing sponsors.

4. PARTICIPATION

Participants between the ages of 14 to 22, residing in the State of Hawai'i, are encouraged to participate in the contest. Each contestant must provide a proof that he/she resides or attends a school in the State of Hawai'i. Participants 17 years old and under must submit a Parental/Guardian Consent Form where a parent/guardian gives the contestant permission to participate. Contestants from previous years may participate by submitting a new letter, different from the previous years.

5. WRITING A LETTER

A participant must present a letter that must be written with the intention of maintaining healthy family relationships and/or improving family dynamics, with the author committing him/herself to contributing build stronger family bonds.

5.1 Guiding Questions

The contestant is required to submit her/his work illustrated with concrete examples of their personal family life—reflecting on family relations and interactions.

The participant is strongly encouraged to use one or more of the following suggested guiding questions to draft the letter:

- What have I felt about my family during the pandemic?
- What do my parent(s) / family mean to me?
- What would I like to do for my parent(s) / family?
- How have my parents' experiences and influence affected or shaped the person I am today?
- How can I improve relationships in my family?
- What steps will I commit myself to, in order to make our family relationships better?

5.2 Structure

The submitted letter must contain the following three components.

- 1) Name(s) to whom the letter is addressed.
- 2) A narration of one or more significant family experiences.
- 3) A proposal—either implicit or explicit—that describes how the contestant intends to improve or maintain a positive family relationship.

5.3 Language

The participant may choose one or a combination of languages that are used in the State of Hawai'i. If any other language besides English is used, the participant must provide the English translation.

5.4 Format

It is highly recommended that the letters are not to exceed more than 1000 words.

5.5 Content

Each participant must submit a letter that is clear, honest, sincere, and completely written in one's own words and established as personal experiences.

Letters based on fictitious events or happenings will not be accepted as the Organizing Committee takes plagiarism extremely seriously. If an awarding letter is recognized as fiction or a situation experienced by a third-party, without the addition of citation notes, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to withdraw the award as well as publicly announce the cause and violation.

5.6 Evaluation

The evaluation process will be focused on how the contestant proposes to maintain a healthy relationship with their family, or how they will improve parent-child relationship, rather than the writing style, the amount of family experiences described in the letter, or how the letter is recited during the final presentation.

6. ENTRY INFORMATION

For the 2022 contest, the submission will be accepted only via email to info@lettertomyparents.com.

Upon submission each contestant must include the following documents:

- Original Letter (.docx, pdf, Google Docs*)
- A photo of an official identification proving either residency or attending a school in Hawai'i (e.g. A photo of driver license, state ID, or school ID) NOTE: SELFIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
- Registration Form
- If you are 17 years old and under, do not forget to include Parental/Guardian Consent Form signed by your parent/guardian.

NOTE: When sending a link using Google Docs, participants need to ensure allowing info@lettertomyparents.com have access to the documents.

7. STRUCTURE OF THE CONTEST

7.1 First Stage

Participants will be allowed to submit their work after September 6, 2022. Participants will have until Friday, September 30, 2022, to submit their letters.

7.2 Semifinal Stage

The letters that have been submitted by the expected deadline will undergo a screening process by which the ten letters that best reflect on the guiding questions will be selected as the awardees by Friday, October 14, 2022.

Those contestants who are selected for final stage will be contacted by the Organizing Committee via email, phone or both and will be invited to attend the Final Presentation and Awarding Ceremony.

7.3 Final Stage

The Final Presentation and Awarding Ceremony is scheduled to be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022, 1 p.m. at the Bishop Museum, 1525 Bernice Street, Honolulu, HI 96817. The ten awardees will be reciting their submitted letters, without altering or modifying their content. Awardees living in O'ahu are strongly encouraged to attend the event in-person. Awardees living in other islands may have the option to attend the event online or in-person. The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for any transportation fees.

After the ten award winning letters are presented by their authors, the judges will then determine for the three most share-worthy letters. The judges will consist of people who are recognized for their moral and intellectual reliability and chosen by the organizing committee from the community stakeholders; their decisions will not be appealable.

8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By participating in the contest, each contestant will understand and agree to the following Terms and Conditions.

- Each contestant must follow the above-described guidelines.
- There is zero tolerance for plagiarism. The use of any outside resource is allowed but must be properly quoted within the text by the writer of the letter.
- All submitted letters for this contest will not be returned to the author and will become property of the Letter to My Parents™ Contest Organizing Committee. The author understands the possibility of the letter being published/presented at a later date to media outlets which include: newspapers, web pages, social media, electronic mails, magazines; radio programs, television as well as any future community events organized by the Organizing Committee's members.
- Contestants from previous years may participate by submitting a different letter to the one previously created.
- The Organizing Committee will not be responsible of any family issue that may arise as the result of the content expressed in the letters by their authors.

9. CONTACT

For any questions regarding the contest, contact through the following:

Mobile: (808) 358-2868 (Rose) / (808) 265-0993 (Vicky)

Email: info@lettertomyparents.com

10. MISCELLANEOUS

Any unseen issues will be resolved by the Organizing Committee.

11. ORGANIZING SPONSORS

Kalamansi Books & Things
Filipino Association of University Women (FAUW)
Reiyukai America

12. COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS

Sariling Gawa Youth Council
Pusong Filipinx

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Full Name of the Participant (Last Name, First Name, Middle) PRINT CLEARLY

Grid for entering the participant's full name.

Home Address

Grid for entering the participant's home address.

Grids for entering City, State, Zip Code, and Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY).

Grids for entering Place of Birth (City and Country) and Daytime Telephone (Where we can reach you).

Email Address (print clearly) _____ @ _____

Form for 'How did you hear about the contest?' with checkboxes for Web/Social Media, Radio/TV, Teacher (Mr/Ms/Mx), and Others (Please specify).

Form for 'Occupation (Check one)' with options for High School, College/University, and Others (Please specify), plus a field for Name of School.

* Please read carefully below Certification Information, then sign the document with the date. This Registration Form must included in your application for the 2022 Letter to My Parents Contest™ in Hawai'i
* Any minors that are participating must get consent from either parent or guardian in order to participate in this event. You consent form from our website or via email upon request.

- I pledge that this letter is my own work.
- I agree to abide by all guidelines and requirements of the 2022 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i.
- I accept and understand that my letter will not be returned and will become property of the Letter to My Parents™ Contest Organizing Committee. I understand the possibility of the letter being published/presented at a later date to media outlets which include: newspapers, web pages, social media, electronic mails, magazines; radio programs, television as well as any future community events organized by the Organizing Committee's members.
- I accept the Organizing Committee will not be responsible of any family issue that may arise as the result of the

Signature of the Participant _____

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____



Parental / Guardian Consent Form for Participation

I, _____, hereby allow the participation of my _____,

Full Name of the Parent/Guardian Relationship

_____ to the 2022 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i.

Full Name of the Participant

I have read, reviewed, and understood all of the details and agree in fulfilling all the rules and requirements that the Organizing Committee of the 2022 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i mentions.

I understand that the letter of my _____ will not be given back and will become the property of the Organizing Committee of the Letter to My Parents™ Contest. I understand the possibility of the letter being published/presented at a later date to media outlets which include: newspapers, web pages, social media, electronic mails, magazines; radio programs, television as well as any future community events organized by the Organizing Committee's members.

Relationship

I accept and understand that the Organizing Committee will not be responsible for the content of the letter and implications that may occur at any time due to the content described in the submitted letter.

Signature of the Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Signature of the Contestant _____

Date _____