

Essay Writing Contest

All PVCC Students
Are Eligible to Enter the

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First place essay will be awarded \$150.00!

Second place essay will be awarded \$100.00!

Third place essay will be awarded \$50.00!

Submission Guidelines

1. Essay Topics: Choose **one** of the following topics and write an essay that meets the guidelines specified below:
 - a. Write a letter to a group of prospective PVCC students about how a community college education will help them to reach their goals. Consider your audience. Will you write to adults? High school students? Those who've lost jobs or who are changing careers? Make sure this audience is clear in your letter.
 - b. If you were having a dinner party and you could invite three guests (fictional or real, living or deceased), who would you invite? Why? Describe the dinner conversation.
 - c. Write about a time when life threw you a curve and how you handled it.
2. Length: 500 words
3. Layout: All entries should be:
 - a. Word processed and saved as .rtf, .doc, or .docx files
 - b. In Times New Roman, 12 point font, with 1" margins
 - c. Include author's first and last name (on each page) in upper left corner
4. How To Submit: Entries should be e-mailed, using VCCS e-mail account, to writingcontest@pvcc.edu
5. Deadline: Only entries received by **November 1st, 2009, 5:00 p.m.** will be considered
6. Ownership Pledge: Writers may not submit work that is not their own. By submitting an essay entry, writer pledges that s/he is the author of that entry.

