

Award Nomination Information for CABE 2023 Annual Conference Student Writing

The Student Writing Awards at the CABE 2023 Annual Conference, California, will focus on the many advantages of being bilingual/biliterate. The grade themes for this year are:

Grades K–2 and 3–5

- How does being bilingual/multilingual help you share stories and dreams that you, your family, and your community have?

Grades 6–8 and 9–12

- How does being bilingual/multilingual provide you with the tools to tell the stories and share the art and dreams in your life, your family, and your community?

All students will be acknowledged for their efforts. Winners will be selected by a committee in four grade-level categories, K–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12, based on the following criteria:

- Content: How well the writing captures the essence of the theme
- Language: The use of expressive, authentic, and rich language
- Genre: The creative use of literary forms, such as short essay, poetry, narrative, biography, or song

Students are encouraged to approach their writing in an imaginative and meaningful manner, expressing themselves in English and another language. Teachers can assist students with focusing on the theme by exploring how their bilingual/biliteracy skills will enhance their opportunities for learning, career, leadership, self-esteem, as well as the development of their cultural legacy in the future. The use of the writing process is encouraged (prewriting, sharing, revising, editing, and publishing) to develop a meaningful and expressive composition. Each composition should focus on the theme and demonstrate final editing quality.

Criteria

- Compositions should be typed, double-spaced, and three pages maximum
- Student compositions in two languages— English and the student’s other language
- Students must be bilingual/biliterate or learning another language
- Color photo (high resolution, digital format)

One winner per grade-level category will be selected. Students will read their composition or excerpts from the composition during the CABE 2023 Annual Conference, March 22-25, 2023. Your recognition date will be given with the notification letter. Winners will receive 4 banquet tickets (awardee and 3 guests) along with a monetary prize:

K–2 Grade Level - \$200.00; 3–5 Grade Level - \$300.00; 6– 8 Grade Level - \$500.00 and 9–12 Grade Level - \$1,000.00. Winners will also receive transportation to the CABE conference along with a one-night stay on Friday night (if needed).

Application submission deadline is Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 11:59 pm PST. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted. Please note that students who have received the CABE Writing Award within the last 3 years are not eligible. Must be a California Resident.