



California Teachers Association
César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program
2007 Project Criteria and Specifications Form

Awards Program Description

The César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program will provide recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which César E. Chávez lived his life. The Awards Program will honor the memory of this great man and ensure that the spirit of his work continues in the classrooms of California.

General Awards Criteria

Awards must focus on one or more of the following and show what principles of César Chávez's legacy affect your life:

- Principles of non-violence
- Self determination through unionization (forming and joining unions)
- Social justice for farm workers
- Safe food / health / environmental issues
- Human and civil rights issues
- Teamwork, cooperation, collaboration, service to others
- Empowerment of the disenfranchised
- Innovation and education

Participants must show evidence of how any number of these criteria is evident in their lives, and correlate that experience to the work of César Chávez.

Eligibility

One student or a group project of no more than five (5) students (K-Community College), **in conjunction** with a CTA member. Grade level categories include:

- Kindergarten - Second grade
- Third - Fifth grades
- Sixth - Eighth grades
- Ninth - Twelfth grades
- Community College

The projects must be submitted in the following categories and meet the following specifications:

- Category 1: Written Essays– NO BIOGRAPHIES.** Submissions that do not meet the criteria addressed by the project will not be evaluated.
(See Awards Criteria)

• **Length of essay**

- K-2 Age appropriate composition
- 3-5 200 - 300 words
- 6-8 400 - 600 words
- 9-12 800-1100 words
- CC 1000 to 1500 words

□ **Format of essay**

- A. Double-spaced, 1" margins, pages numbered
 - K-8: Legibly handwritten or typed (12 pt. Font Times New Roman).
 - 9-CC: Must be typed (12 pt. Font Times New Roman); otherwise a letter explaining circumstances must be included from the submitting CTA member.
- B. Include a cover page (template included) with title of essay, student name, school/campus, grade level, and CTA member name
- C. Staple
- D. Grades 9 - Community College must be typed; otherwise letter explaining circumstances must be included from submitting CTA member
- E. Do not put essay into folder or binder

F. Written Essays - NO BIOGRAPHIES. Submissions that do not meet the criteria addressed by the project will not be evaluated. (See Awards Criteria)

Category 2: VISUAL ARTS

(Paintings, Drawings, Collages, Posters, Original Technologically Generated Art)

- Size of art entry: 8½" x 11" to 18" x 24" (**INCLUDING MATTED/BORDER EDGE**)
- Media (mixed media accepted)
 - Drawings (Pastel; Pencil; Ink; Charcoal)
 - Paintings (Oil, Watercolor; Acrylic; Airbrush; Tempera)
 - Posters (Block Printing; Silk Screens)
 - Collages
 - Original Technologically Generated Art
- Must be display ready (**MOUNTED/MATTED/BORDER EDGE**)
- Provide typed or written student's explanation as to how the artwork addresses the Awards Criteria. K-2 students may have their responses transcribed by an adult.



*** For the category of Visual Arts, videos will not be accepted at this time.**

Entries and Applications that do not meet all specifications will not be considered.

All entries shall be judged utilizing the appropriate subject matter rubrics based on the California State Department of Education and/or the California Arts Education Association.

Community College level entries shall be judged utilizing statewide Academic Senate standards.

Applicants must submit a complete, typed or legibly printed application form with each entry. A form is included with this packet; additional forms are available at:

<https://www.cta.org/mycta/profession/scholarships/cesarchavez/> -- (Members Only Site)

Deadline: Each entry **must** be submitted with a separate application and **must** be postmarked by March 23, 2007 in order to be considered.

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE APPLICATION AND ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE.

Send entries to: César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program
CTA Human Rights Department
1705 Murchison Drive
Burlingame, CA 94010