

César E. Chávez and Dolores Huerta Education Awards Program

2025-2026 Written Essay Application

Part 1 – Must Be Completed by CTA Sponsor

Name of CTA Sponsor _____

CTA Membership Number _____ (For verification purposes only)
(UTLA members please use your UTLA ID#)

School Name _____ District _____

School Address _____ City, Zip _____

Home Address _____ City, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

CTA Chapter _____

CTA Region _____ Service Center Council _____

Signature of CTA Sponsor _____

Part 2 – Must Be Completed by CTA Sponsor and/or their student

Name of Student	Age (Optional)	Grade	Street Address, City, State, Zip code, Area Code and Phone Number of Student
_____	_____	_____	_____
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* I grant permission for my child's entry to be entered into the César E. Chávez and Dolores Huerta Education Award Program. I understand that selected entries will be displayed for a year and all other entries will be returned if specified and appropriate postage has been provided. Otherwise, I understand that the submission(s) will not be returned and becomes the property of CTA.

Part 3 – Must Be Signed by Student or Legal Guardian

(Legal Guardian signature required for students under 18 years of age)

(Signature)

(Date)

Entries and applications must be received by **Friday, March 6, 2026**
César E. Chávez and Dolores Huerta Education Award Program
CTA Human Rights Department, Attn: Janeya Dawson
1705 Murchison Drive
Burlingame, CA 94010

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Awards Program Rules

- 1. Applications must be **received** by **Friday, March 6, 2026**.
- 2. The sponsor must be a CTA member employed at the same school or campus where the student is enrolled.
- 3. **Do not submit more than three individual entries and only one entry per student per year.**
- 4. An application form must be submitted for and with **each** entry.
- 5. CTA Members are encouraged to submit quality work. ***Please add any special circumstances for the committee to be aware of.***
- 6. **Applications that do not meet all specifications will be ineligible.**
- 7. Any submission can be reproduced for promotion purposes.

Check Grade Level

- ☐ First – Second Grade
- ☐ Third – Fourth Grade
- ☐ Fifth – Sixth Grade
- ☐ Seventh – Eighth Grade
- ☐ Ninth – Twelfth Grade
- ☐ Higher Education (Undergraduates only)

Special Circumstances

- ☐ Special Ed
- ☐ Alternative Ed
- ☐ ELL

Check All Awards Criteria Addressed by Entry

Entries must focus on one or more of the following principles and show the relationship to the lives and legacies of César E. Chávez and/or Dolores Huerta.

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

For written essays, participants must show evidence of how one or more of these criteria is evident in their lives and correlate their experience(s) to the work of César E. Chávez and/or Dolores Huerta.