

# Raza Heritage Essay Contest

## Guidelines:

From the prompt below develop a thesis-driven documented essay. The essay shall be five to eight pages (1250 to 1750 words) to include internal documentation and a works cited page in MLA format. It will have a minimum of five scholarly sources to include books, newspaper and journal articles, documentaries, or film.



## Theme: Can't Cage a Dream: U.S. Immigration Policies

The current policy of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, a division of the Department of Homeland Security, states that persons and accompanying spouse or children entering the U.S. have up to one year to file an I-589 form entitled Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. What benefits have U.S. policies produced to assist those seeking a safe home? What is the harm of failed policies? What is the cost of ineffective policies, and who profits from such policies?

## Awards:

The committee will award:

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| First Place:  | \$500 |
| Second Place: | \$300 |
| Third Place:  | \$200 |



## Deadline:

**Date:** Thursday, Oct. 18  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Where:** English Department Office GH 123  
**Attention:** Professor Alex V. Bernal and  
Dr. Patricia Portales