

# GRANDCHAMPIONS

ENGAGING & CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS  
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## TELL US WHAT MAKES YOUR GRAND SO GREAT! ESSAY CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Miami-Dade County Public Schools students enrolled in grades 1-12 are eligible.

### CONTEST REGULATIONS

All essays must comply with the following contest rules before submission:

- Only one (1) essay may be submitted by each contestant.
- Essay can be written about a grandparent living or deceased.
- Essay must reflect contestant's own writing and original thinking.
- Essays must be written in English.
- Essays must be typed or legibly handwritten.
- Essay word by school level:
  - Up to 300 words for Elementary
  - Up to 500 words for Middle
  - Up to 750 words for Senior High

### JUDGING

Judging will be completed by a panel of M-DCPS employees and community partners. Scoring criteria will be identical for all divisions (Elementary, Middle, and Senior High) of the contest. Essays will be judged using five criteria:

- Level of impact, influence, and significance: 40 points
- Creativity (phrasing and style): 30 points
- Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling: 30 points

### AWARDS

The top entry in each division will receive a prize package of local experiences for six members of their family. The winning essays will also be featured on the District's website. District winners are expected to be announced and honored in March 2014.

### SUBMISSIONS

Essays may be submitted one of three ways:

- 1) U.S. Mail: Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
Office of Community Engagement  
1450 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Room 202  
Miami, FL 33132
- 2) School Mail: 9619, SBAB, Room 202
- 3) E-mail: [schoolvolunteerprogram@dadeschools.net](mailto:schoolvolunteerprogram@dadeschools.net)

The submission form on the next page must be filled out and accompany your essay. Your first and last name and your school's name must appear at the top of every page of your essay.

Entries must be postmarked or emailed by **February 21, 2014**. Essays will not be returned to students and will become property of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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## **ESSAY CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM**

For your essay to be considered, you must provide all the information requested below. Please type or write your responses in the spaces provided. Please print your completed submission form and mail it with a hard copy of your essay or save the submission form on your computer and attach it in an email with a copy of your essay.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION:**

Student's First Name:

Student's Last Name:

Name of Your School:

What grade are you in?

How old are you?

### **GRANDPARENT INFORMATION:**

Your Grandparent's First Name:

Your Grandparent's Last Name:

*(Please check the appropriate responses below)*

Your Grandparent is:

☐ Living      ☐ Deceased

If your Grandparent is living, please provide his or her address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip Code: