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# Greater Caribbean American Cultural Coalition Inc.

## Unifest Caribbean American Heritage Month Youth Essay Competition

The Greater Caribbean American Cultural Coalition ("GCAC Coalition") announces the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual, Unifest Caribbean-American Heritage Month Youth Essay Competition. The competition is designed to commemorate the historic passage of Congressional Resolution 71, declaring June as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. The Coalition is partnering with area schools, colleges and organizations such as the Greater Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce ("GCACC"). Information on this activity can be accessed at [www.unifestlive.org](http://www.unifestlive.org) or [www.gcaccoalition.com](http://www.gcaccoalition.com)

The essay title is "**Caribbean Impact on the Hospitality Market in South Florida**"

The competition is open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who reside in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties and who are of Caribbean heritage as defined by the competition rules. The **closing date for the competition is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2018** and winning entries in the local/regional competition will be announced at UNIFEST in Lauderdale Lakes, on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

### Essay Competition Rules

1. The essay competition is open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students & High School students up to 18 years old who reside in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties and were either born in the Caribbean and/or have at least one parent or guardian who was born in the Caribbean.
2. Entries must be submitted as an individual effort, and must be **original unpublished** work. Essays **should not** be concurrently submitted for other competitions. Only one essay will be accepted from each author.
3. Entries in this essay competition must be titled: "**Caribbean Impact on the Hospitality Market in South Florida**" While the content of the essay is of primary concern, proper grammar and spelling will also be factors in the judging.
4. The essays should be between 500 to 750 words, typewritten, double-spaced, 8 ½" by 11" (letter-size) paper with all pages numbered. Margins must be 1 inch. The absolute minimum or maximum number of words must be observed. Cover page and bibliography must not be included in the word count.
5. The essay must be written in English and all entries must include a **bibliography**. Use the link below as a resource: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>
6. Entries that do not comply with any of the competition rules will be disqualified. A separate entry form and cover sheet with the following details **must** be included: essay title, writer's name, sex, grade/age and word count. **Neither** writer's name, **nor** the writer's country of Caribbean heritage should appear in the main essay.
7. The editorial board of the GCAC Coalition reserves the right to edit essays selected for publication. All essays become the property of the GCAC Coalition and will not be returned.
8. The essays will be assessed in confidence by an independent panel of judges. Family members of the independent panel, and Unifest Essay committee are ineligible to participate in the essay competition.
9. No appeals will be entertained. Results of the local competition will be announced on **Sunday, May 20, 2018**.
10. Prizes\* will be awarded for first, second and third place entries. Fourth and fifth place entries will be recognized with an honorable mention. All awards and recognition will be solely at the discretion of the judging panel.
11. Award winners will be informed by mail or email and appropriate presentations of prizes\* made.

**\*Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$500.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$250.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$100.00**

Essays should be mailed or emailed in PDF format to Attn: Patrick Buchanan: Competition Chair, or mailed to the GCAC Coalition. Entries must be submitted no later than Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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June 2018 – Unifest Caribbean American Heritage Month – Youth Essay Competition

**Essay topic: "Caribbean Impact on the Hospitality Market in South Florida"**

## Official Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Home

Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your Caribbean heritage/connection

**Mail or Email essays (in PDF format) to:**

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