

The Advisory Board of the Institute of Mexicans Abroad and the Mexican Patriotic Celebrations Committee 2007

First Annual Cultural Celebration:

Mexican Patriotic Symbols: Strength of Our Identity and Roots

Inviting boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 16 from Chicago and suburbs to participate in the following disciplines:

- Poetry contest
- Drawing contest

Themes

Meaning, Respect, and Correct use of the Mexican Patriotic Symbols:

Which are the Mexican Flag, Mexican Official Seal and the Mexican National Anthem?

Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this contest is primarily educational.

- To strengthen the children's identity and knowledge of their Mexican origin.
- To promote the meaning and respect for the symbols.
- To inspire the artistic creativity and promote researching of Mexican history.
- To support the links and relationship between generations of the Mexican communities.

Rules

- The contest is open to all teenagers between the ages of 13 to 16 from all nationalities that identify with Mexico or Mexican History.
- All work (poetry and art) must have attached to the back: **Signature, Name, Address, Phone number and/or other contact information, Grade Level, and Name of the School Attended.**
- All work must be titled.
- Contestants may only participate in one of the disciplines. Only one entry per contestant. All entries must be the original creation of submitter.
- Paper must be no larger than 15 by 24 inches, with no glitter or materials that might become detached. No Frame. No computer-drawn posters will be accepted.
- **The jury will decide which poem or drawing will win. The jury composition will be public two weeks before the award ceremony.**

- The jury will be selected by Advisory Board and the Mexican Patriotic Celebrations Committee 2007. The jury will count with specialist in both disciplines and its decision will be final.
- Any work that does not follow these rules will be disqualified.
- Originals will not be returned and become the property of the organizers.
- Any works deemed offensive will automatically be eliminated.
- IME Advisory Board and the Mexican Patriotic Celebrations Committee reserve the right to resolve any unforeseen conflict.
- **All entries must be postmarked or delivered by September 7, 2007, 5 PM CST. Registered mail is recommended.**
- Works must be submitted, in person or via mail, in an envelope which says: **Certamen Símbolos Patrios** to either of the following locations:

Pilsen:

"Casa Michoacán"

1638 S Blue Island Ave.

Chicago Illinois 60608

TEL. 312/ 491- 9317

Chicago North:

Mr. Fabián Morales, IME Advisor

2056 W. Chicago Ave.

Chicago Illinois 60622

TEL. 773 908-9567

Guidelines for Art

- Suggested mediums can be pencil, colored pencils, crayons, chalk or ink.
- Points will be awarded for historic contain, creativity and originality of thought process.

Guidelines for Poetry

- The language to use should be predominantly Spanish, however, *spanglish* will be permitted.
- The original poem should contain a maximum of 20 lines.

- Points will be awarded for historic content, clearness, creativity and originality of thought process.

Awards

- The results of this contest will be announced to the media and directly to the winners. Winners will be notified by phone or E-mail . Their participation in the award ceremony is expected.
- **1st Place in each category:** A trip to Mexico City for a student and one of their parents or guardians, for a cultural and civic program that will include the Mexican Flag Raising Ceremony in Mexico City and a tour to historical sites; a collection of Mexican history books and an official acknowledgment. Note: For those participants that can not travel, a personal computer will be awarded to them.
- **2nd Place in each category:** A personal computer, a collection of Mexican history books and the an official acknowledgment.
- **3rd Place in each category:** An I-pod, a collection of Mexican history books and an official acknowledgment.
- The school with the biggest number of participants will receive an official acknowledgment, and a collection of Mexican history books and educational videos.
- The winners will be invited to be guests of “El Grito de la Independencia de Mexico” organized by the Mexican Patriotic Celebrations Committee 2007.
- News and information about the contest, specially the names of the winners, will be publish in the Committee website and will be distributed in our press releases.
- The Award ceremony will be held the week from the September 10th to the 14th , 2007 in a location to be determined by the IME Advisory Board and the Mexican Patriotic Celebrations Committee 2007. -The event may be previous to the event of “El Grito de la Independencia de Mexico” organized by the Mexican Patriotic Celebrations Committee 2007.-
- All work will be displayed to the public. Work may be included in the Mexican Patriotic Celebrations Committee 2007 annual magazine, in their Web site. and/or might be part of an exhibition
- Use of winner's name: By entering, each entrant grants permission, without further compensation, to the organizers, to use the entrant's works for broadcast and promotional purposes in connection with the contest.
- Please browse our website if you would like to find out more information about our events and contests.

<http://www.fiestaspatriaschicago.com>

For more information, please call: (312) 217-9506 or (312) 919-1619.

Signed

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