

We are writing to share information about the 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month student art and essay contests and educator awards. Through this contest, three Florida students will earn a **4-YEAR FLORIDA PREPAID SCHOLARSHIP**.

Once again, Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott have invited all Florida students to participate in the annual Hispanic Heritage Month art and essay contests, which will be centered around the theme, "A Celebration of Innovative Hispanic-American Leaders." Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting artwork, and students in grades 4-12 can earn a **4-YEAR FLORIDA PREPAID SCHOLARSHIP** through the essay contest.

The prizes could transform the lives of a student in your class or school. We hope that you will encourage all of your students to take full advantage of this opportunity to enhance their appreciation for Hispanic-American History *and* prepare financially for their own future education aspirations.

Additionally, students, parents, teachers and principals are invited to nominate full-time educators in elementary, middle and high schools for the Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award.

All entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **Monday, October 15, 2018**.

To learn more about Florida's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and contests, visit www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com. You can also access promotional materials to share with your students and their families at <http://www.fldoe.org/newsroom/hhm.stml>.