



ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Dakar invites currently enrolled Senegalese high school and university students to participate in an English Language essay contest honoring **International Education Week**.

Several winners will also receive certificates and prizes from the U.S. Embassy in Dakar.

Essay Topic and Deadline

Topic: “How can international education contribute to building a safer and healthier world?”

Deadline:

- **Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 05:00 PM**
- Early submissions are welcome!

Contest Guidelines and Regulations

- Contest participation is free of charge.
- All entries must be written in English and edited by the named participant without assistance from others.
- Submissions must be original essays, 300-500 words. Essays must be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman- 12 point font. Plagiarized essays will be disqualified.
- Points will be awarded for originality, clarity, appropriate language use, effectiveness of argument and relevance to the topic. The decisions of the judges are final.
- By participating in this contest, the winner grants the Embassy permission to use, copy, or quote from his/her essay in promotion materials related to **International Education Week**.
- Only currently enrolled high school and university students are eligible. You must be a citizen of Senegal.
- The first place winner’s essay will be published in the Embassy La Palabre newsletter and Facebook page. Winners will be notified via email by **Monday, November 19, 2012**
- **Winners will receive books, dictionaries, and other Embassy items. The two top winners will have lunch or a tea chat with the Regional English Language Officer (RELO).**
- Please submit essays to educationusadkr@state.gov