October 6, 2018

Dear teachers:

We are honored to invite students in grades 1st through 5th who are enrolled in public and private schools in the State of New Mexico to participate in the 19th Annual Spanish Poetry Contest *Poesía eres tú*. The event is organized by the Spanish Resource Center in Albuquerque, Latin American and Iberian Institute at the University of New Mexico and the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

Now in its nineteenth year, this poetry contest continues to prove a meaningful and important experience for student participants. *Poesía eres tú* provides both native and non-native Spanish speaking students and their teachers the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of and appreciation for Spanish language poetry. Tasked with learning, memorizing, and dramatizing Spanish poetry, the student participants complete the event with a deepened appreciation for Spanish language and culture.

We are issuing an open call to all schools (public, private, and charter) to join us. We hope that you and your students will consider taking part!

To help you understand the format of the event and how to participate, we have attached the following documents:

- Registration form
- Event guidelines (including deadlines and revised rubric criteria)

Schools must register by February 1, 2019. Each registered school can send a maximum of five students’ representatives, 1 student per grade. Due to the 80 students limit participation for the contest, registered schools will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The contest will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Bank of America Theater. As always, family and friends are invited to attend.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know. Mayte Villa of the Spanish Resource Center remains the primary coordinator of this event and can be reached at (505) 724-4743 or at spanish.resource@state.nm.us.

Best regards,

Antonio Caballero, Director  
Spanish Resource Center of Albuquerque

Keira Philipp-Schnurer, Outreach Supervisor  
UNM Latin American & Iberian Institute
6 de octubre de 2018

Estimados Profesores:

Tenemos el honor de invitar a estudiantes de 1° a 5° grado que están inscritos en las escuelas públicas y privadas en el Estado de Nuevo México para participar en la decimonovena Edición del Concurso de “Poesía eres tú”. El evento está organizado por el Centro Español de Recursos en Albuquerque, el Instituto Latino Americano e Ibérico de la Universidad de Nuevo México y el Centro Cultural Nacional Hispánico.

En su decimonoveno año, este concurso de poesía ofrece una experiencia enriquecedora y relevante para los estudiantes que participan. “Poesía eres tú” proporciona a los estudiantes nativos de habla hispana y no nativos así como a sus maestros la oportunidad de mejorar su conocimiento y apreciación de la poesía en español. El propósito de este concurso es el aprendizaje, la memorización y la dramatización de poemas en español, los estudiantes participantes concluyen el evento con una apreciación más profunda de la lengua y la cultura hispana.

Esta convocatoria está abierta a todas las escuelas (públicas, privadas y chárter) a unirse con nosotros. Esperamos que profesores y estudiantes consideren tomar parte en este proyecto! Para ayudarle a entender el formato del evento y la forma de participar, hemos adjuntado los siguientes documentos:

• Formulario de inscripción

• Normas del concurso (incluyen fecha de plazo y los criterios actualizados de la rúbrica)

Las escuelas deben registrarse antes del 1 de febrero de 2019. Debido al límite de 80 estudiantes participantes, las escuelas serán aceptadas según el orden en el que se hayan inscrito. Cada escuela registrada puede enviar un máximo de cinco representantes, uno por cada grado. El concurso se llevará a cabo el viernes 26 de abril de 2019, a las 9:00 a.m. en el Centro Cultural Hispánico Nacional en el Teatro Banco de América. Como siempre, la familia y amigos están cordialmente invitados.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros. Mayte Villa del Centro de Recursos Español sigue siendo la principal coordinadora de este evento y la pueden contactar al teléfono (505) 724-4743 o a la dirección electrónica spanish.resource@state.nm.us.

Atentamente,

[Signature]
Antonio Caballero, Director
Spanish Resource Center of Albuquerque

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Keira Philipp-Schnurer, Outreach Supervisor
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XIX Annual Spanish Poetry Contest Poesía Eres Tú - Registration Form

School Information

Name

Address

Telephone

Teacher Information

Teacher coordinating participation in contest

Coordinator's email

Complete names of all teachers who would like to receive certificates of participation
**XIX Annual Spanish Poetry Contest Poesía Eres Tú - Event Guidelines**

**The Contest**

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After registering, each school will conduct an internal contest from which the first place winner from each grade will then compete in the final event. Each registered school can send a maximum of five student representatives, 1 per grade.

The contest will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. As always, family and friends are invited to attend.

**The Rules**

The students will recite a Spanish-language poem originally published in Spanish in a book (no translations from English works are permitted). The poems may be neither written by the student nor the teacher.

The contest judges will evaluate each student's presentation by taking into account the following features:

1. **Creative ability and originality.** Does the participant dramatize and convey the main idea of the poem?

2. **Accuracy and enunciation.** Does the participant pronounce the words clearly and correctly?

3. **Communication with the audience.** Does the participant engage the audience and make eye contact?

4. **Projection and voice level.** Does the participant reasonably project his or her voice and is it level?

5. **Latin American and Iberian culture and history.** Does the poem highlight or reference culture and history?
The Calendar

February 1st, 2019  Deadline for all schools’ registration.
March 22, 2019    Schools must submit names of students and titles/authors/sources of poems and signed photo release forms.
April 26, 2019    Contest takes place at the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

Contact

Teachers can register their schools and submit students’ names by email to Mayte Villa of the Spanish Resource Center at spanish.resource@state.nm.us.