

*Letter to My Parents<sup>™</sup>  
Contest in Hawai'i 2018*

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***Share your 'Ohana Story in a Letter***

***Now Accepting Submissions for the 2018 Letter to My Parents<sup>™</sup> Contest***

*Three Award Recipients will receive \$500!*

Do you have a story to share about your 'ohana as you were growing up in Hawai'i? Write an essay in a letter format and enter to win in the fourth annual ***Letter to My Parents<sup>™</sup> Contest*** organized by **Kalamansi Books & Things, Filipino Association of University Women, and Reiyukai America.**

**Ten winners** will be selected, where they will receive **\$50 Gift Certificates** and a **12-month test-prep course subscription**, courtesy of BenchPrep! Among the ten finalists, three contestants who presented the most share-worthy letter will receive \$500.

***Letter to My Parents<sup>™</sup> Contest in Hawai'i*** is open to Hawai'i residents ages 14 to 22, who would like to express their experiences and feelings towards their parents or legal guardians. Participants are encouraged to submit work illustrating examples from their personal life and reflecting family relationships and interactions. Suggested topics include:

- *What do my parent(s) or guardian(s) mean to me?*
- *What would I like to do for my parent(s)?*
- *How have my parents' experiences and influence affected or shaped the person I am today?*
- *How I can improve relationships in my 'ohana?*

Submit entries to **www.LetterToMyParents.com** (Click the Hawai'i Contest Icon) by October 15, 2018.

Entries can be in any language used in the State of Hawai'i, but an English translation is required. Contestants 17 years old and younger must submit a Parental/Guardian consent form.

Ten winners will be selected and will be invited to present their letters to a panel of judges at the Final Presentation, to be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Hawaii Public Library.

Sponsors: **BenchPrep**

Community supporters: **Sariling Gawa Youth Council Inc., and Ishihara Enterprises Inc.**

For more information, contact Rose Churma or Toshiro Obara at 808.358.2868, [info@lettertomyparents.com](mailto:info@lettertomyparents.com).

Details are also available at [www.LetterToMyParents.com](http://www.LetterToMyParents.com).

# Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i 2018



## Invitation: \$500 Cash Prize Essay Writing Contest

The Letter to My Parents Contest Organizing Committee invites teens and young adults to win \$500 and other various prizes!

## Who can participate?

Anyone between 14-22 of age living in the State of Hawai'i has the chance to participate in the 2018 Letter to My Parents™ Contest!

## What to do?

A contestant must write a letter to his/her parents with a constructive proposal and with the intention of maintaining or improving his/her relationship!

## What to write?

The following guiding questions can help the contestants write their letter.

- What do my parent(s) mean to me?
- What would I like to do for my parent(s)?
- How have my parents' experiences and influence affected or shaped the person I am today?
- How I can improve relationships in my family?

## Time Schedule

September, 2018: Official contest guideline will be available; the submission of the letters will also be accepted

October 15, 2018: Last Day of Submission

First Week of November, 2018: Selection of Finalists

Saturday, November 17, 2018: Final Presentation at Hawaii Public Library, Starting at 1pm.

## Suggestion to Educators

This is a great way to know more about your students! The letter allows students to unveil a portion of their life which may be informative for the educator, giving the opportunity to know more about his/her students! Please encourage your students to be part of this contest, either as a homework, class project or an extra credit!

**For more information, check out the official guideline!**



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## — CONTEST GUIDELINES —

### 1. INVITATION

It is impossible to live fulfilled lives without our parents. Family has always been the basis of society. Family unity is what helps people grow both as individuals and as members of society. However, today – in the more individualistic society we live in – it seems that the role of the family is changing.

Therefore, **Kalamansi Books and Things, Filipino Association of University Women, and Reiyukai America** is pleased to invite you to participate in the **2018 Letter to My Parents Contest™ in Hawai'i** with a vision and strong wish to maintain healthy family relationships and improve communications within the family.

### 2. PROCEDURE

To participate, a contestant must write a letter dedicated to his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and submit it to the Organizing Committee. The submitted letters will go through several selection processes in order to be accepted for the final presentation. The letters that qualify will be read by the original writers in front of the judges who will then select the award recipients.

### 3. PRIZES AND AWARDS

The ten finalists will be receiving the following prizes.

- A \$50 Gift Certificate.
- An opportunity to be published in digital and print format.
- A certificate of participation.

The judges will select three award recipients based on different categories. Each of the winners will receive a prize of \$500.

### 4. PARTICIPATION

Participants between the ages of **14 to 22**, residing in the State of Hawai'i, can participate in this contest (High School and College Students). Please be aware that participants 17 years old or under must submit a Parental/Guardian Consent Form giving them permission to participate in the contest.

Contestants from previous years may participate by submitting a different letter.

### 5. WRITING A LETTER

As mentioned above, the submitted letter must be written with the intention of maintaining a healthy family relationship and/or improve the current family relations.

#### 5.1 Guiding Questions

The contestant is required to submit her/his work illustrated with concrete examples from his/her personal family life—reflecting on family relations and interactions.

The participant may use one or more of the suggested guiding questions to write the letter:

- What do my parent(s) mean to me?
- What would I like to do for my parent(s)?
- How have my parents' experiences and influence affected or shaped the person I am today?
- How I can improve relationships in my family?

#### 5.2 Structure

The submitted letter must contain the following three components.

- 1) Name(s) to whom it is addressed.
- 2) A narration of one or more significant family experiences.

- 3) A proposal – either implicit or explicit – that suggests how to improve or maintain a positive relationship within the family. A proposal can be considered as a new family tradition that contestant would like to bring into the family.

#### 5.3 Language

The participant may choose one or a combination of languages that are used in the State of Hawai'i. If any other language besides English is used, the participant must provide the English translation.

#### 5.4 Format

Each work submitted must not exceed more than 1000 words.

#### 5.5 Content

Each participant must submit a letter that is clear, honest, sincere, completely written in one's own words, and based on his/her personal experiences. Letters based on fictitious events or happenings will not be accepted.

#### 5.6 Evaluation

The submitted letter will be evaluated based more on how the contestant proposes to maintain healthy family relationships or how to improve parent-child relationships, rather than writing style or the amount of family experiences described in the letter.

### 6. ENTRY INFORMATION

The participants may submit their work either online or via email.

#### 6.1 Online

Visit [www.LetterToMyParents.com](http://www.LetterToMyParents.com) and click the Hawai'i Contest Icon

#### 6.2 E-Mail

Send your email including the following:

- Original Letter (.docx, .txt, .pdf)
- Copy of official US identification (e.g. driver license, school ID, or passport)
- Registration Form
- If you are 17 years old and under, do not forget to include Parental/Guardian Consent Form signed by your parent/guardian. Registration Form and Parental Consent Form are downloadable from the website or you can request it via email.

### 7. STRUCTURE OF THE CONTEST

#### 7.1 First Stage

Participants will be allowed to submit their work starting on **September 10, 2018**.

Participants will have now until **17:00 on Monday, October 15, 2018** to submit their letters.

#### 7.2 Semifinal Stage

The letters that have been submitted will pass through an elimination process by which the ten best letters will be selected by **November 5, 2018** at the latest.

The contestants chosen for the final stage will be contacted by the Organizing Committee via email or phone.

#### 7.3 Final Stage

The Final Presentation will take place on **Saturday, November 17, 2018** at **Hawaii State Library** (478 S King St, Honolulu, O'ahu), Starting at **1pm**.

The finalists will read aloud their letters without altering or modifying the content. If the letter was not written in English, there will be simultaneous translations during the reading.

The judges will then determine the award recipients. The judges, who will be chosen by the Organizing Committee, will consist of people who are recognized for their moral and intellectual reliability. Their decisions are final.

### 8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By participating at the contest, each contestant will understand and agree to the following Terms and Conditions.

- Each contestant must follow these guidelines.
- Submitted letter will not be returned and will be property of the Letter to My Parents™ Contest Organizing Committee. The letters may be published in newspapers, web pages, electronic mails, magazines, as well as being presented/ displayed in radio programs, television and in future events organized by any of the Organizing Committee members.
- The Organizing Committee will not be responsible for any family issue that may arise due to the content of the letters.

### 9. CONTACT

For any questions regarding the contest, contact through the following:

Phone: (808) 358-2868 (Rose)

Email: [info@lettertomyparents.com](mailto:info@lettertomyparents.com)

### 10. MISCELLANEOUS

Any unseen issue will be resolved by the Organizing Committee.

### 11. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



### 12. SPONSORS



### 13. COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS







# Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i 2018



## Parental / Guardian Consent Form for Participation

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby allow the participation of my \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name of the Parent/Guardian Relationship  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the 2018 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i.  
Full Name of the Participant

I have read, reviewed and understood all of the details and agree in fulfilling all the rules and requirements that the Organizing Committee of the 2018 Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i mentions.

I understand that the letter of my \_\_\_\_\_ will not be given back and will  
Relationship  
become the property of the Organizing Committee of the Letter to My Parents™ Contest in whom the letter will be susceptible to being published in newspapers, web pages, electronic mails, magazines, as well as being presented/displayed in radio programs, television and in future events possibly organized by any of the Organizing Committee member.

I accept / understand that the Organizing Committee will not be responsible for the contents of the letter and implications that may occur due to the content submitted at any time.

Signature of the Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Contestant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_