

*Letter to My Parents  
Contest in Hawai'i 2019*

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

***Now Accepting Submissions for the 2019 Letter to My Parents™ 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™ 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.** Among the ten finalists, three contestants who presented the most share-worthy letter will receive \$500.

***Letter to My Parents™ 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](http://www.LetterToMyParents.com) (Click the Hawai'i Contest Banner) by October 18, 2019.

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 16, 2019 at Hawaii Public Library.

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