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Announcement/Press Release

Heritage Essay Competition

The Leadership with the members of the Bahamian American Cultural Society, Inc. (BACS) wishes to connect with students of Bahamian-American heritage, grades 5 – 10, in the metropolitan and Tri –State area. These students are invited to participate in a competitive essay contest on “My Bahamian-American Heritage”. Competition will run during the month of February, and essays must be postmark no later than March 1, 2008. Parents, teachers, mentors, church and community leaders are asked to identify, encourage, and assist students in this educational and cultural experience. The Bahamian American Cultural Society has been in the forefront of heritage and culture initiatives since 1991. BACS is a not-for-profit 501-3C organization in the State of New York.

For more information about the contest and BACS, Call (212) 213-0562 or email bacsorg@earthlink.net or log on to our website <http://www.BahamianAmericanCulturalSociety.org> .



BAHAMIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

RUBRICS OF THE HERITAGE ESSAY CONTEST

Students in grade level 5-10 and who are of Bahamian Heritage are being requested to participate in an essay contest. The essay is to focus on the family history, and heritage, culture of the essayist. The student should give examples of how that heritage plays out or does not in his/her daily family life.

The essay should be between 300 to 350 words in its main body. It should be typed in standard English, meeting required grade level grammar and expressions.

- **On a cover page**, the student should give his/her full name, age, and grade. Family linkage to the Bahamas must be clearly stated to fully participate in this contest. For example. Parent(s) or grandparent(s) was born on ----- {a particular Island and settlement (town)}. Contestant's parent (s)' address and telephone number, and signed parental consent must accompany essay.
- **Time:** The contest will run during the month of February 2008, and must be post marked no later than March 1, 2008..
- **Judges:** BACS Leadership will appoint panel a of three readers and judges.
- **Prizes:** First, second, third and Complimentary BACS believes that given the mission of the Society, each essayist should be recognized. At the same time, excellence has its special place.
- **Prize Giving Day.** TBA, but no later than September 2008. All participants and associates will be notified.

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