



## International Education Week Essay Competition U. S. Embassy to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean



The American Embassy is sponsoring this essay competition to celebrate International Education Week (11/15-19/2010). This U.S. State Department and Department of Education initiative is designed to prepare and to attract student leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

The Embassy invites essays from students aged 13-17 years (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> form) on the topic statement given below. The top three essays will be awarded prizes at a ceremony to be arranged during the next regularly scheduled visit of an American foreign service officer to winning students in their home country.

### Guidelines:

- essays should be at least 3 pages and no longer than 5 pages in length excluding cover page, notes, etc.
- essays should be word-processed or typed with at least 1.5 line spacing
- essays will be judged based upon originality and creativity of thought in response to the topic statement

Topic: The OECS nations have constructed a globally competitive education system recognizing that this is the key to a country's socio-economic and cultural development. Write an essay describing how studying in the U.S. will personally transform you and what you will give back to your country after returning from your studies.

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$500. USD      2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$300. USD      3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$200. USD

Deadline: **Monday, 8 November, 2010**

Submission: Completed essays may be mailed to the U.S. Embassy at the following address (must arrive by the deadline to be considered). Electronic submissions welcome at: [BridgetownPublicAffairs@state.gov](mailto:BridgetownPublicAffairs@state.gov)

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