

MIAMI CENTENNIAL WRITING CONTEST

In honor of the Town of Miami's 100th birthday, organizers of the Centennial Celebration invite Miamians of all ages to enter the Miami Centennial Writing/Essay Contest. Multiple cash prizes, courtesy of Southwest Gas, will be awarded in each of five categories.

The five categories are:

1. **Adult** (young adult to senior) – The suggested theme is “My Town, Miami”

What makes Miami special to you? What does Miami mean to you? We are looking for short personal essays of Miami memories of a special place, time, event or person.

2. **Miami High School Student** and

3. **Miami Junior High School (Middle School) Student** – The suggested theme for both groups is “If I were the Mayor of Miami..”

What issues would you address and why? What is your vision for Miami's future? Winners will also receive a special invitation to have lunch with Miami Mayor Dalley.

4. **Miami Elementary School** – (grades K-5) – the suggested theme is “M is for..., I is for ..., A is for ..., M is for ..., I is for... That spells MIAMI”

On a piece of regular sized paper, spell out the word MIAMI. Use the letters to tell or show a little story about your town. Yes, make it as colorful as you wish!

5. **Crafters** – (All age groups) - “Handmade Birthday Card for Miami”

This is a special category for all artists. Use your talents (drawing, painting, photography, scrapbooking, sewing, etc.) to make a unique birthday card for the Town of Miami. All entries will be on display at the Centennial Celebration, March 10th. Cards must be able to be fitted into a standard 11x14 manila envelope.

Deadline for the contest is 12 o'clock, noon, Wednesday, February 28th.

All entries must be legible, original and clearly identified with your name and contact information. Only one entry per person. All legitimate entries will have a chance to win a cash prize during a drawing after the five first place winners are announced. The first place winners will each receive a \$100 dollar bill. All winners will be announced and prizes awarded March 10th at 4 pm. during Miami's Centennial Birthday Party to be held at Bullion Plaza Museum and Cultural Center. Entries can be submitted to the Miami Town Hall, Miami Memorial Library, Miami Senior Center and at the three Miami school offices.

For more information, call Kristy Regalado, Miami Senior Center Director, at 473-4190 or Delvan Hayward, Miami Memorial Library Manager, at 473-2621.