


## New York State Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages



# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference “Forty Years and Forward: Responding to Change through Innovation” November 5-6, 2010

## Call for Student Essays

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### Participants:

Essay contest is open to any current or former English language learner in the following categories:

- Students in grades 4-8
- Students in grades 9-12
- Students in university (this includes students enrolled in intensive English programs, adult education, community colleges, and graduate students)

### Essay Context:

Chinese Taoist philosopher Lao Tzu once said that “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

- **Students in grades 4-8:** Describe your journey in learning English. Give some examples.
- **Students in grades 9-12:** Describe in your own words the ways in which your language and culture journey in English resembles that of a ‘thousand miles.’ Give examples.
- **Students in university:** Describe your journey in learning English and focus your description on the challenges you faced and the ways in which you met and solved those challenges. Offer specific examples where needed.

*Winners will have their essays published in the fall conference booklet and Idiom and receive a gift certificate to a book store. Prizes will be awarded in each of the above-mentioned categories.*

For more information about the essay contest and annual conference,  
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