



Hartford 375 Essay Contest

The City of Hartford and the Hartford 375 Committee are pleased to announce an essay contest to celebrate the 375th anniversary of Connecticut's Capital City. The contest is open to all Hartford residents and Hartford Public School students in grades 9-12. Essays will be evaluated by a distinguished panel of City dignitaries, including **Mayor Pedro E. Segarra** and **Hartford School Superintendent Dr. Steven Adamowski**. Essays should address the following question:

Looking forward by looking back: What aspect of Hartford's history is most significant to preserve for the next 375 years and why?

Submissions should be a **minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 1,000 words** and either typed or printed. No handwritten entries will be accepted. All essays will be judged based on the following criteria: relevance to the theme, originality, clarity, logic, accuracy, fairness, and informed thoughtfulness and mechanics (sentence structure, grammar, spelling, punctuation, citation). Please make sure the author's name is on each page of the submission.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place:

1st prize: \$375 check, 2 tickets to the Connecticut Science Center and the book, Hartford, New England's Rising Star.

2nd prize: \$125 check, two tickets to the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art and the book, Hartford, New England's Rising Star.

3rd prize: \$50 check, 2 tickets to the Connecticut Historical Society Museum and the book, Hartford, New England's Rising Star.

Please attach this form to your completed essay and submit a paper copy to Hartford 375 Essay Contest, Mayor's Office, City of Hartford, 550 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103 no later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 2010. Winners will be announced in early 2011.

Questions should be referred to Sarah Barr, Director of Communications, at 860-757-9500.

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Hartford 375 Essay Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

I certify that the words and ideas presented in this essay are mine and mine alone and that all materials derived from other sources are cited appropriately. All submissions become the property of the Hartford 375 Committee / City of Hartford.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____