

Contest Rules

1. Eligibility. The contest is open to all Filipino writers, students, professionals and other interested parties of all ages.
2. Theme. Entries must interpret or depict the theme: *"Heralds of Care: reflections on the Filipino nursing legacy of caring for the country and the world."*
3. Entry parameters. Essays to be submitted should fulfill the following parameters:
 - a. An entry must be between 2,000 to 4,000 words in length, excluding footnotes, endnotes or references.
 - b. Entries must carry an original title.
 - c. Entries must not be in any form of fiction, poetry, drama or review or summary of existing literature about the topic.
4. Language. Entries must be written in either English or Filipino.
5. Number of entries. There are no limitations on the number of entries a contestant may submit.
6. Format. Contestants must submit three hard copies and a soft copy for every entry. It must be typewritten or computer typed, double-spaced on 8 1/2 x 11" bond paper, with one-inch margin on all sides. If computerized, the font type should be Arial with 12 as font size. Multiple pages should have appropriate pagination. The contestant's real name, address and other personal information must not appear on any of the pages of an entry.
7. Originality. In submitting an entry, a contestant represents and warrants that the work is his/her own and that he/she has absolute ownership of the copyright and all intellectual property rights thereto. An entry must not have been published or printed in media, produced in any medium or won a prize in any previous contest of any kind. It must not be simultaneously entered in any other contest, nor simultaneously offered elsewhere for publication, printing or production of any kind. Otherwise, it shall automatically be disqualified.
8. Criteria for Evaluation. An entry will be evaluated based on the following indicators:

a. Content and Originality	30%
b. Relevance to the theme	40%
c. Writing style and impact	20%
d. Clarity and eloquence	10%



Heralds of Care

*An essay writing contest in
honor of Filipino nurses*



A project of the **Commission on Filipinos Overseas**
through the Presidential Task Force on NCLEX



Theme:

“Heralds of Care: reflections on the Filipino nursing legacy of caring for the country and the world.”

9. Official Entry Form. An entry must be accompanied by an official entry form which may be obtained from the CFO. Official entry forms may also be downloaded from the CFO website at <http://www.cfo.gov.ph>. A contestant must complete one official entry form for every entry submitted.

10. Place of Submission. Entries may be submitted personally or via mail at:

Policy, Planning and Research Division
Commission on Filipinos Overseas
6th Floor, Citigold Center, 1345 Pres. Quirino Avenue cor.
Osmeña Highway, Manila 1007, the Philippines

11. Deadline of Submission. The deadline for the submission of all entries is on 31 March 2010. Entries sent by mail should be postmarked not later than the deadline.

12. Shortlist. From among all entries, 20 shall be shortlisted by the screening committee for consideration of the panel of judges. The decision of the panel of judges shall be final and not subject to appeal.

13. Selection of Winners and Prizes. The panel of judges shall select no more than 10 winners from the shortlist. All winning entries shall receive a cash prize of P10,000.00 each.

14. Ownership of Entries. Submitted copies of all entries shall remain with,

and become the property of the organizers.

15. Copyright of Winning Entries. By accepting the prize, the winners agree that the organizers shall have the right to publish, print, produce or authorize the production of any winning entry or selection or portion thereof as it may in its discretion determine. The organizers shall also have the right to edit or modify the winning entries or any portion thereof to suit the demands of publication, production or exhibition.

In connection with the grant or transfer to the organizers of the right of publication, production, or exhibition of entries, and pursuant to the requirements of R.A. No. 8293 (the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines), entries must be accompanied by the contestant's written consent to abide by the rules of the contest acknowledged before a Notary Public. In the case of minors, the written consent of the parents or legal guardians shall also be required. Authorization forms may be obtained from the CFO or may be downloaded from the CFO website.

16. Acceptance of Rules. Contestants submitting entries are deemed to have accepted the rules of the contest and agree to abide thereby.

17. Disqualification. Employees and officials of the CFO are disqualified from joining the contest.

18. For more information, please visit the CFO website or call CFO at telephone nos. 561-8160 or 561-8321 ext. 600 to 604.