



AVID Summer Institute 2010 Teacher Guidelines—AVID Student Essay Contest

Dear AVID Teachers,

We thank you for encouraging your students to participate in this contest. Please, select only the top 2-3 essays from your classes to submit. Please have students of selected essays send in their entries using their own email address. If they do not have one, they can set up a free account through Hotmail or Yahoo. Only one essay per email address will be accepted.

Theme: AVID: A Tradition of Innovation, A Future of Transformation.

Essay Prompts:

Think about your experiences with AVID and how working with AVID teachers, tutors and peers has helped you change and define your future. In your essay, please address at least two of the prompts below.

- How have you and your future plans been transformed by your experience in AVID? What kind of future has AVID made possible for you?
- How have your AVID teacher(s), tutors, and peers helped you grow academically or intellectually? How has participating in the AVID program enriched your life, whether because of your peers, tutors or teacher?
- What obstacles have you faced and how has your AVID family helped you to cope and possibly overcome them?

The AVID students whose essay you nominate should be:

- Responsible and reliable.
- Dynamic speakers who are poised in front of a large audience of educators (2,000+).
- Willing and able to work with their teacher and/or the AVID Center to revise their essay.
- Responsible about checking emails and responding promptly to emails and phone calls.
- The contest is open to both middle and high school AVID students; however, we look for essays that reflect a longer personal and academic journey with AVID.

Submission Guidelines

- Submission Deadline: **February 5, 2010**.
- Email essays to speaker@avidcenter.org
- Submitted essays must include complete Student Contact form.
- Questions may be directed to speaker@avidcenter.org