

**Hispanic Heritage Month 2009**  
***“Florida: Embracing Its Hispanic Roots While Looking to the Future”***

**Governor Charlie Crist’s Hispanic Heritage Month Podcast Contest**  
**Official Rules and Guidelines**

**Grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-12**

Governor Charlie Crist’s Hispanic Heritage Month Podcast Contest is open to all 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the state of Florida. Three winning podcasts will be selected: one elementary (4-5) entry, one middle (6-8) entry, and one high school (9-12) entry. Winners will be notified the week of **October 5, 2009**.

- Entries must be mailed to Executive Office of the Governor: Hispanic Heritage Month Committee, 400 S. Monroe Street, Suite LL-10, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, **post-marked by September 16, 2009**.
- High school and middle school podcasts should address the following topic: **“Florida’s history is deeply rooted with Hispanic influences. Describe how the early Hispanic explorers impacted our state in the 1500s, and how that has influenced Florida’s culture today.”**
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade podcasts should address the following topic: **“Hispanic culture has been a part of Florida’s past and present, and will continue to influence the Florida of tomorrow. Choose a historic or present day Hispanic Floridian and describe the positive ways this person has impacted our state.”**
- Each student may enter only one podcast. Students are encouraged to work in groups of up to three students.
- A completed entry form/parental waiver form must accompany each podcast for each member of the group. The entry form/parental waiver can be obtained on the Governor’s Hispanic Heritage Month Web site at [www.floridahispanicheritage.com](http://www.floridahispanicheritage.com) under the “Podcast Contest” section.
- Podcasts submitted must follow the following guidelines:
  - Time: Podcast should be no longer than three minutes.
  - Group Size: No more than three students per group.
  - Format: Only digital videos submitted in DVD format will be accepted.
  - Copyright: Students should respect the intellectual property of others. See: [http://www.cyberbee.com/cb\\_copyright.swf](http://www.cyberbee.com/cb_copyright.swf)
- The teacher of the winning student groups will win a software package to be used in his/her classroom. These packages will be awarded at the Governor’s Hispanic Heritage Month celebration to be held in Tallahassee in October. Reasonable travel and lodging expenses will be paid for one teacher per winning group.
- Winners must be Florida residents and be able to provide a Social Security Number.

Contact the Governor’s Office at (850) 410-0501 for any further questions.