



**Submission Deadline: June 1, 2023**



# Community College Student Essay Contest

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CATESOL proudly presents the 2023 Community College Student Essay Contest for ESL students in credit and noncredit community college programs throughout the state of California.

## Writing Guidelines

1. Write an essay of 500-1000 words.
2. Type and double-space your essay.
3. Use 12-point, Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.
4. Include an original title.
5. At the end of the essay, include your name, ESL level, phone number, and email address. Also include your ESL instructor's name, phone number, and email address.
6. By entering the contest, you confirm that the essay submission is your own original creation.
7. Email your essay as a PDF file to [catesolrvdk@gmail.com](mailto:catesolrvdk@gmail.com) by 6/01/2023.

## Essay Prompt

Nelson Mandela once wrote, "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

Consider your experiences learning English and learning about the culture of the U.S. Describe how, in Mandela's words, you have both fallen and how you have risen from your falls.

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Essays will be judged using the following criteria: Adherence to essay prompt, creativity and depth of reflection, organization & format, and vocabulary, grammar & mechanics. Please email [catesolrvdk@gmail.com](mailto:catesolrvdk@gmail.com) with any questions.



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