Columbus State Community College
2013 Civil Rights Writing Competition
“The New Voice of the Civil Rights Movement”
Sponsored by the Diversity and Study Abroad Programs & Student Engagement and Leadership (SEaL) Departments

CIVIL RIGHTS WRITING COMPETITION DESCRIPTION
2013 marks the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared all slaves free in the United States. 2013 also marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s March on Washington, which brought attention to economic inequity among the races. Both events serve as transformational moments for our country’s long fight for not just civil rights, but human rights. As current events become history, society has arguably become more distanced from the true meaning and impact of the civil rights movement.

The Department of Diversity and Study Abroad Programs and Student Engagement and Leadership (SEaL) want to hear your perspective of the present-day civil rights movement and history’s impact on present-day social justice successes and challenges. In 500 words or less, express your thoughts on: New voices of the civil rights movement and how the movement has changed (if at all).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submission format: Essay, poetry or prose
- Competition duration: Beginning February 18, 2013 and ending March 8, 2013 by 4:00pm
- Notification of winners: Week of March 18, 2013
- Four winners receive: Each recipient will receive a scholarship to attend the City of Columbus Commission/Civil Rights Heritage Tour. The Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission in collaboration with The City of Columbus Community Relations Commission are sponsoring a bus trip April 2 – 6, 2013 to retrace the steps of Dr. King and other civil rights heroes.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

By signing this application for the Civil Rights Writing Competition, I acknowledge that:

- I am a currently enrolled at Columbus State Community College and taking classes
- I have a current G.P.A. of 2.25
- I have permission from SP13 instructor(s) to make up work for week of April 1, 2013
- I am able to attend CRC Heritage Tour from April 2 - April 6, 2013
- I agree to attend a workshop about documenting my experience on CRC Heritage Tour
- I will document my experience on CRC Heritage Tour
- I agree to present or share documentation of my CRC Heritage Tour experience at the 2014 CSCC MLK program (MLK 2014 date to be announced by Summer 2013)

Signature of competition applicant ___________________________ Date __________

Attach your essay, prose or poetry and return this form no later than March 8, 2013:
Franklin Hall 223 OR Nestor Hall 116. Submissions may be faxed to 614.287.6296.