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Now Accepting Submissions for the 2016 Letter to My Parents Contest™ in Chicago
Winner will win a Trip to Japan!

Do you have a story to share about your family as you were growing up in Chicago? Write an essay in a letter format and enter to win in the **Letter to My Parents Contest™** organized by **Durango Unido en Chicago** and **Reyukai America**.

Winner will win a trip to Japan, ten finalists will **\$50 Gift Certificates**, and a **Yearlong test-prep course subscription**, will be given, courtesy of BenchPrep and many more!

Letter to My Parents Contest™ in Chicago is open to **residents of State of Illinois** ages 17 to 23 years who would like to express their experiences and feelings towards their parents or legal guardians. Participants are encouraged to submit work illustrating examples from personal family life; reflecting family relationships and interactions. Suggested topics include:

- *How have my parent's experiences and influence affect or shape the person I am today?*
- *What my parent(s) means to me?*
- *What are my thoughts about how we are as a family?*
- *What would I like to do for my parent(s)?*
- *How I can improve relationships in my family?*

Submit entries to **www.LetterToMyParents.com** (Click the Chicago Contest Banner) by **February 19, 2016**. Entries can be in any language used in the State of Illinois, but an English translation is required. Contestants 17 years old and under must submit a Parental/Guardian consent form.

Ten finalists will be selected and will be invited to present their letters during the final presentation to judges, scheduled to be held during March 2016.

Letter to My Parents is sponsored by Pilsen Wellness Center, I.C.R.E (Illinois State of Rehabilitation and Education) Roosevelt, and BenchPrep.

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