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Now Accepting Submissions for Letter to My Parents™ Contest
Winners receive \$1000, \$500 and \$250 for essay on family in Hawai'i

Do you have a story to share about your relationship and feelings about your parents as you were growing up in Hawai'i? Write an essay and enter to win in the second annual *Letter to My Parents Contest* organized by Reyukai America, Kalamansi Books & Things, and Sariling Gawa-Youth Council, Inc. of the University of Hawai'i. First prize award is \$1000, second prize \$500, and third prize \$250.

Letter to My Parents™ Contest in Hawai'i is open to Hawai'i residents ages 15 to 22 years who want to express their experiences and feelings towards their parents or legal guardians. Participants are encouraged to submit work with concrete examples from personal life, reflecting family relationships and interactions. Suggested subjects include:

- How I can improve relationships in my family;
- What my parent(s) or guardian(s) means (mean) to me;
- What would I like to do for my parent(s) or guardian(s);
- How my parent(s)' experiences and influence affect or shape the person I am today.

Submit entries to www.lettertomyparents.com by October 24, 2014. Entries can be in any language, 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 on November 23 at the William Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Last year's winner was Maria Andrea Jurado of Waipahu High School.

Letter to My Parents is also supported by Budget Color Litho, Inc. and the Filipino Association of University Women.

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