

Celebrating Senior Learning Stories: Senior Adults Generating Eloquence (SAGES)

A Lorain County Community College writing initiative

Are you a **Lorain County resident 60 years of age or older**? **Do you have a story to tell about an important learning experience**? Tell your learning story, win a \$1000 prize, and be featured in an LCCC film!

Write an essay on the following topic . . .

What is the most significant learning experience of your life?

Did it happen in a factory? In a hospital? On a farm? At a family gathering? In the military? Somewhere else?

Three winning essays will be judged on the basis of their originality, their clarity, their impact, and the richness of their message. **Each essay winner will receive \$1000.**

Use any of the following questions to guide the writing of your essay:

- What one experience taught you something you could never learn anywhere else?
- What one experience has profoundly changed who you are?
- What person or event has taught you something about life you will never forget?
- What one learning experience do you hold above all others?
- How does your current life reflect this learning experience?

CONTEST RULES

A completed application form must accompany all submitted essays.

- All writers must be Lorain County residents 60 years of age or older.
- No writer may submit more than one essay.
- Essays must be typed in 12-point font, double-spaced.
- Do not exceed 1,000 words in length.
- The entrant's name must NOT appear anywhere on the submitted essay.
- Entrants are advised to keep a copy of their submissions.
- Attach your essay to the online submission form at www.lorainccc.edu/sages and **submit it no later than December 15, 2009.**
- Or, deliver this form and your essay to Lorain County Community College, 1005 N. Abbe Rd, University Center Room 107 E, Elyria, OH 44035 **no later than December 15, 2009.**

**** Essay must be the original work of the entrant and not previously published elsewhere. Any current LCCC employees are not eligible. The decisions of the judges are final.** Funding provided by the LCCC Foundation.

