



2025
LUIS DÁVILA STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Latino Studies Program invites submissions for Best Essays on Latina/o/x Literature, Arts & Culture.



The Dávila Award will be given for the best essay on any aspect of Latino expressive culture, including literature, language, history, music, folklore, visual & performing arts, cinema, and journalism. There are two competitions, one for undergraduates and one for graduate students.

- The Dávila Award includes a \$250 bursar credit.
- Photo essays will also be considered.
- Preference will be given to those essays focusing on U.S.-based or transnational Latino communities and cultures.
- Submissions may be in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or any combination of these languages.
- Open to all IU students.

Deadline: Wednesday March 5, 2025



Instructions:

1. Complete the submission form, attached or available on the LATS website.
2. Undergraduate essays should be between 2,000 and 3,000 words (not exceeding 5,000 words for graduate essays) in length, including notes.
3. Double-space, 1-inch margins, paginated, 12-point font. MLA, APA, or discipline appropriate citations accepted (Click here for Citation Style Guide).



Submission Instructions:

1. Create your essay as a single form pdf. Please name the file using your last name: LastNameGrad.docx or LastNameUndergrad.docx.
2. Please complete your General Application on the IU Scholarships App located in One.iu.edu and submit your document within the "IUB-Luis Davilá Student Competition for Best Essay on Latino/a/x Literature, Arts, and Culture" award portfolio

<https://iu.academicworks.com/admin/portfolios/3338>



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Dávila Student Essay Competition
Submission Form

Student Information

Student name:

Essay title:

Student ID number:

IU email address:

Phone:

Major(s), Minor(s), or Degree Program(s):

Include form with essay as single PDF and title LastNameGrad or Last Name Undergrad

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