



Essay Contest

April 4, 2014

Dear Members,

Our community's 7th and 8th grade students are invited to participate in an exciting essay contest organized by the Southern Federation of Syrian Lebanese American Clubs, an umbrella organization that we are pleased to belong to. The subject of this year's Raymond and Rosalie Zoghby Essay Contest is, **"Why I am proud to be an American of Syrian or Lebanese Descent."**

The Metrolina Phoenician Club strives to keep our youths connected to our rich cultural heritage and therefore we encourage all of our members in the 7th and 8th grade to participate in the contest.

Simply write an essay of at least 250 words on the subject and submit it, along with the [application form](#), by **May 15, 2014** to the address indicated on the form. Please note that all applications have to be signed by our club's President Lamia Hanna before they are submitted to the Southern Federation. She can be reached at 704.968.1015.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our youths to express themselves. The winner of the contest will be invited to read his/her essay at the Southern Federation's annual convention being held this coming July in Houston, Texas. More information can be found on the application form, which is also available in the latest issue of the Southern Federation's Official Bulletin (Winter 2014) that is distributed for free to all members.

We look forward to receiving some interesting entries!

Metrolina Phoenician Club