

HACIA

XXVII SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS



The essay contest is one of the most valuable traditions of HACIA Democracy. It is an opportunity for our delegates to question their ideas about democracy in Latin America, explore the complex reality of the region, practice the art of oration and of composition. The author of the best essay, will be personally selected by the President of HACIA Democracy, and will receive the President's Award for Excellence in Essay Composition, and will have the opportunity to read her essay during our Opening Ceremony*.

Essay Topic for HACIA's XXVII Summit:

The theme of this year's conference is "Ignite," in the sense that we hope that through conversation, debate, and research of the topics discussed, we'll be able to rekindle, after the devastating public health emergency of the past two years, delegate excitement and passion for some of the most pressing issues facing Latin America today. In this increasingly globalized and interconnected world, issues become more alarming, crises more devastating, and uncertainty more commonplace. In this essay, we wish delegates to reflect on their passions and aspirations, and explain how they could be applied to Latin America's future and its success. Topics may include business, start-ups, activism, history, politics, public health, and many others. Essays should explain the delegate's plans, but award-winning essays should focus on analyzing aspects of Latin American development, culture, and progress.

*Please Note: Essays can be written in English or Spanish. All essays must be between 700 and 1,000 words. Delegates should include their name, school, country, email address and number of words at the beginning of the essay. All submissions must be received by 11:59 pm EST on Tuesday March 1, 2022. All questions should be sent to admin@hacia-democracy.org. All essay submissions must be sent to essaycontest@hacia-democracy.org with the subject "[NAME OF SCHOOL_ DELEGATE NAME}" by the essay deadline to be considered.