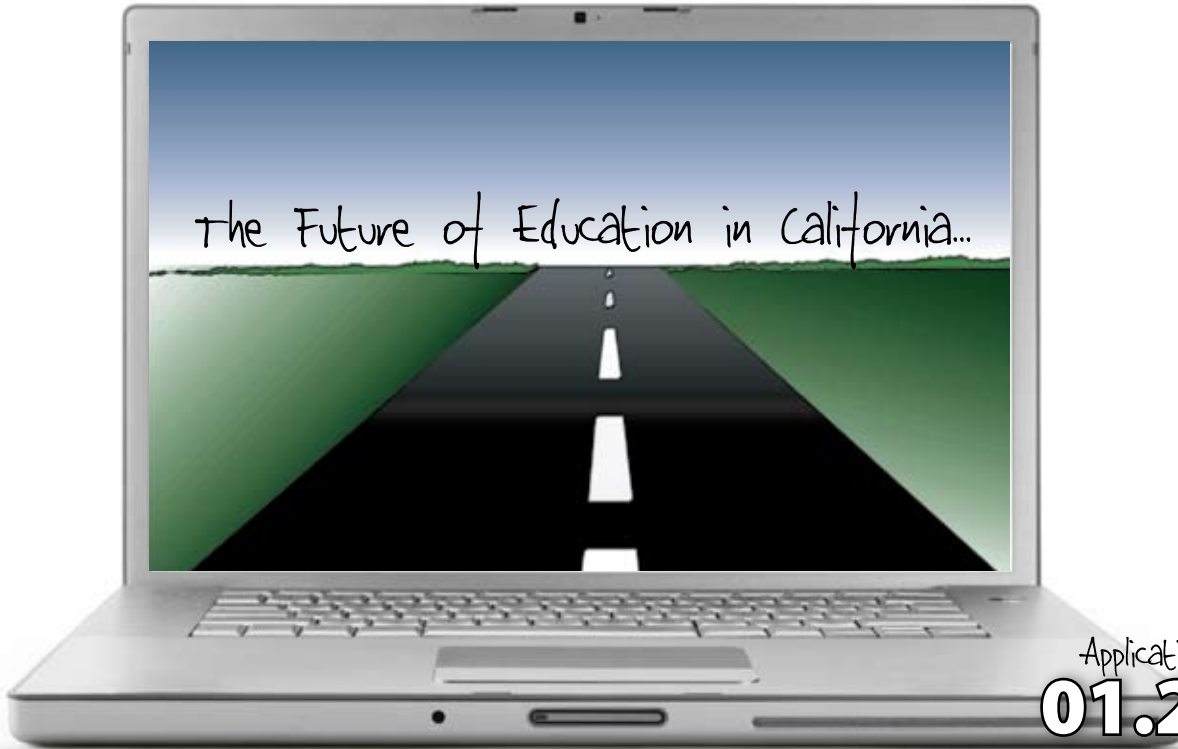


THE LEGISCHOOL PROJECT PRESENTS THE  
**2010 ESSAY CONTEST**



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Application Deadline  
**01.22.10**

## Guidelines

All California students have been impacted in some fashion by the state's budget crisis and the effect that it has had on education. Whether it is larger class sizes, reduced extracurricular activities or ill-maintained facilities, every school has its own story. With a fragile economic future on the horizon, the question remains: What does the future hold for California's public schools?

Imagine that you are a state legislator, able to make decisions about the things that have an impact on California's public schools, and share your thoughts and views on this important issue.

- What do you think the future holds for California's public schools?
- What can be done to ensure a positive educational experience for current and future students?
- During these trying economic times, what types of things can be done to help the state's public school system? Examples: create new funding sources or develop additional ways to conserve resources.

## Eligibility and Rules

- The essay contest is open to eleventh and twelfth grade students in California.
- The essay must be 750 words or less, typed and double spaced.
- Please include a cover sheet with your name, home address, phone number, and e-mail; and the name and address of your school and the name of the teacher who distributed this announcement.
- **All entries must be postmarked by Friday, Jan. 22, 2010.** Winning essayists will be notified by March 5, 2010.

## Prizes for 10 winning essayists

Round trip travel to Sacramento to take part in LegiSchool's 14th Annual Student Legislative Summit and Student Run Press Conference on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

## Mail your entry to:

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