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**Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas
KANSAS SCHOOL STUDENTS
2010 ESSAY CONTEST
KANSAS! SAY IT ABOVE A WHISPER**

Kansas school students in grades 8 – 12 can compete for a cash prize of \$250.00 in the annual essay contest: “KANSAS! SAY IT ABOVE A WHISPER.” Essays must be limited to 250 words (about one double-spaced typewritten page) and **submitted electronically by November 30, 2009.**

The contest title, which deals with pride in the State of Kansas, was coined by early day Kansas newspaper-woman, Mamie Boyd. The cash award for the winner is provided by the Boyd Family. Past essays have described the interesting and strong-hearted people of Kansas, the state’s wheat fields, enchanting diversity in population, the state’s beauty, and the emotions and pride evoked by that beauty.

Sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, the essay contest is judged by a panel of judges from the Kansas Historical Society. The judges look for ORIGINALITY, CREATIVITY, and SINCERITY in expressing pride in the State of Kansas.

Distinguished Kansans will also be honored at the event.

**Entries must be submitted by email to ksnsd@sbcglobal.net.
Entries must be received by November 30, 2009.**

**Only winning entries will be contacted by the
Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.**

Winners will be recognized at the Native Sons and Daughters Annual Banquet to be held January 29, 2010, at Maner Conference Center in the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka, Kansas.

The Banquet is open to all who wish to join for an evening of honoring and celebrating the Great State of Kansas. Distinguished Kansans will also be honored at the event.

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