

Young Authors Contest

GUIDELINES

2015-2016

School Level Information

1. All students enrolled in grades K-12 are eligible.
2. Categories of writing are: **(500 word maximum)**
 1. Poetry
 2. Fiction
 3. Non-Fiction
3. Grade levels: Regular Education: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Special Education: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Gifted students are to be entered in the regular education categories only – not special education categories.

4. Information/Permission form:
 - Must be completely filled out (**typed not written** on the form provided) and signed by student **and** parent.
 - Stapled **back-to-back** with entry.
 - Use complete school names, not initials.
 - Be sure the council name is on the permission form.
 - Copy all winning entries on a CD or flash drive. Create two folders on the CD or flash drive - Regular Education and Special Education. I just need the entry – **not the permission form on the CD/flash drive**. Write the council's name on the CD or flash drive.
 - All entries should be individual files saved in the digital folders. The entries should not be in one document only. Files should be named as the title of the work.
 - PLEASE **DO NOT SCAN** ENTRIES AS THE DIGITAL COPIES. Entries must be typed using Microsoft Word – Not Adobe.
 - Digital files **ONLY** should include the student's name, teacher's name, school name, and the local council name. Please see the format below.
John Doe
Marilyn Anthology, teacher
Reading Elementary School
Zachary Area Reading Council
5. Entries:
 - **Must be student's own work and completed in class.**
 - Must be typed with 1" margins all around, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman. DO NOT DOUBLE SPACE THE ENTRIES.
 - Must be free of grammatical and mechanical errors.
 - No student names, teacher names, or school names should appear anywhere on the written entry as a heading or notation for class assignment.
 - Must be no longer than 500 words.
 - No pictures or drawings on the entries.
 - Will be judged on originality and creativity.
 - **Entries that do not meet all guidelines will be disqualified – no exceptions!**
6. School judging:
 - Select one school winner for each category at each grade level. (No more than one selection per student can be submitted in each category.)
 - Copy entries and keep originals.
 - Send copies with permission forms stapled back-to-back with entries to the district chairperson. Districts should set a due date that occurs prior to the release of students and teachers for the Christmas holidays.
 - Schools should check for plagiarism. No winning entries should be plagiarized.

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PERMISSION FORM

NOTE: Type directly in the gray boxes.

Student's Name:

Grade: 6th Grade

Student's Address:

Student's City:

Student's Zip Code:

Title of Entry:

Categories: X Regular Education

☐ Special Education

☐ Poetry

☐ Nonfiction

☐ Fiction

Teacher's First and Last Name: Angela Trotter

Teacher's email address: atrotter@stcharles.k12.la.us

Teacher's phone number: 985-764-6367

(If more than one teacher, type the full names of both teachers.)

School: Harry Hurst Middle School

City and Parish: Destrehan, Louisiana

Name of Local Reading Council: St. Charles Parish

This work is original, entirely my own, and written in class.

Student's Signature _____

I give permission for this work to be published in Les Jeunes Ecrivains, the Louisiana Reading Association's Anthology of State Winners. I also give permission for this piece, if selected, to be published in the Louisiana Reading Association's Reading: Exploration and Discovery, the association's journal.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____