

2013 OCTE Young Writers Contest

CATEGORIES:

(\$2 entry fee per entry)

Short Story (maximum 1,500 words)

Essay (Expository only, no narrative essays, maximum 500 words)

Personal Narrative (first person, maximum 500 words)

Descriptive Paragraph

Poetry

Fillers:

(\$1 entry fee)

Descriptive sentences may be submitted as "fillers."

Age Groups:

K-6th / 7th-9th / 10th-12th / College



Entry Guidelines:

- Each teacher (OCTE members ONLY) may enter up to **10** original manuscripts for his/her students with a fee of \$2 per entry.
- Each teacher may enter up to 10 "filler" descriptive sentences for his/her students with a fee of \$1 per sentence.
- No student may enter more than one entry per category.
- Entries must be **TYPED**, double-spaced. Poems should be **TYPED**, single-spaced.
- ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY submitted via email attachment (.rtf, .doc, .docx, or .pdf accepted). Address is on the Cover Sheet. Please put teacher's last name, school, and Young Writers in the **Subject Line** of the email (e. g., McAfee, Milton High, Young Writers). Student names and corresponding titles of work should be included **in the message** of the email. However, only titles should be included on the actual entry – no author or teacher names, please.
- EACH entry must have a *signed* cover sheet. Send these via mail with payment to: Dr. Teresa Rothrock, c/o East Central University, 1100 E. 14th St., PMB D-6, Ada, OK 74820. **Make checks payable to OCTE.**
- A confirmation email will be sent when entries, coversheets, and payment are ALL received.

Contest Rules: All contest guidelines, such as maximum word length, entry deadline, entry format, OCTE membership for teachers, cover sheets, no names on entries, etc., must be strictly observed. Failure to do so will disqualify entries. **No entry fees will be refunded or entries returned.**

Cover Sheet: After duplicating, fill out the enclosed cover sheet completely, including all three signatures. Use only one cover sheet per entry. Please be sure all handwriting is legible to ensure names are accurate. **We are not responsible for lost entries or inaccurate information.**

Winners will have their work published in the 2013 Anthology and will be invited, along with their teachers and parents, to attend the Young Writers Conference and Banquet April 3, 2013, to meet with the judges, engage in creative activities, and receive a free copy of the anthology. **Please note this year winners and guests must purchase a banquet ticket.** More information about the Banquet and Conference will follow in the Winner's Letter. Additional copies of the anthology will be available for \$5 each.

New Date: →

January 13, 2013

Deadline: Sunday, ~~December 9, 2012~~