

JUDGING ▶

- All entries are judged on the basis of content, originality and quality of expression. Judges' decisions are final. Judges do not critique entries. All entries are anonymous when given to the judges.
- Winners will be notified **BY MAIL** before the awards program.

AWARDS ▶

- Cash prizes are awarded as follows:
\$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.
- Winners will be notified in August in a separate mailing from the awards program invitation.
- All entrants will receive an invitation to the awards program, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. at Connor's Cove at Hardesty Regional Library. Christopher Paul Curtis, winner of the 2009 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature, is the featured speaker and will hand out the awards.
- Entrants, winners, and their families and friends are invited to attend the awards program.
- KWGS Public Radio 89.5 will invite some of the winning authors in the poetry and essay categories to record their work, and, at the discretion of the station, will broadcast some of them.
- The Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust will present some of the award-winning one-act plays at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center in the Charles E. Norman Theatre. The playwrights will be invited to attend rehearsals and will be honored at a reception following the performance.



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2009 YOUNG PEOPLE'S Creative WRITING CONTEST ▶

Ages 10-18

Entries Accepted May 1-June 5

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Official Entry Form

Deadline: June 5, 2009

(You may duplicate entry form if necessary or print from Tulsa City-County Library's Web site at http://teens.tulsalibrary.org.)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Please print legibly.

Your Name: (First) (Last)

Your Address: (Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Your Phone:

Your Birth Date and Year:

Age Division: (Check the age you will be on June 5, 2009.)

10-11 12-13 14-15 16-18

Category: (You may enter only one item in each category.)

Poetry Short Story Informal Essay One-Act Play

Title:

This entry is available in electronic or disk format: yes no

I live in Tulsa County: yes no

If no, my TCCL card # is 22345

or I attend (Name of School) School.

I declare that the attached manuscript is solely my work not previously published for payment. If my entry wins, Tulsa City-County Library has my permission to display my entry either in the library or on the library's Web site.

Signature:

Remember to check your work for grammar, spelling and legibility. Manuscripts that are not in the proper form as described in the rules will not be judged.

(Detach and submit with your entry.)



Entry Period: May 1-June 5

ELIGIBILITY

You may enter the contest if you are:

- between the ages of 10 and 18 by June 5, 2009 and
• live in Tulsa County
• or attend school in Tulsa County
• or have a nonexpired Tulsa City-County Library nonresident library card.

AGE DIVISIONS

The contest has four age divisions: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 and 16-18. Within each age division, there are four categories.

CATEGORIES

- Short Story - each entry no more than 1,500 words.
• Informal Essay - a short composition on a topic or issue giving your opinion or recounting a personal experience. No term papers or research papers are considered. Limited to 1,500 words.
• Poetry - one poem, no more than 300 words.
• One-Act Play - no more than six characters, no more than three locations. Limited to five to 60 minutes in length.

You may enter ONLY one manuscript per category, but you may enter all four categories within your age group.

Please read and follow ALL instructions for entry submission. The library must receive at least five entries in a category in order for the entries to be judged.

YOUR MANUSCRIPT

- Manuscripts that are illegible, single-spaced or that otherwise don't meet the following requirements will not be judged.
• Do NOT put your name anywhere on your manuscript. That information should be ONLY on the entry form and cover page.
• Double-space and TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY in black or blue ink on 8 1/2" by 11" (standard) paper. Do not use spiral notebook paper. Include the title and page number in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
• Attach a cover page including: Your name, Your complete address, Your telephone number, Your birth date and year, The title of your entry, Age group and category you are entering.
• A completed and signed entry form MUST accompany each entry.

HOW TO ENTER

- Complete an entry form for each manuscript you are entering. Staple the manuscript, cover page and completed entry form together and mail to: Young People's Creative Writing Contest c/o Youth Services, Tulsa City-County Library, 400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103-3830 or deliver your entries to the Central Library or any branch. The deadline to enter is June 5.

- Do NOT send your only copy of your entry. Keep a copy for yourself. MANUSCRIPTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

TEACHERS

If you are submitting students' works, make sure that each student fills out an entry form for his/her work and signs it. Entries without completed forms are not judged. Please determine that your students' manuscripts comply with all contest rules before submitting.