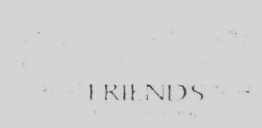


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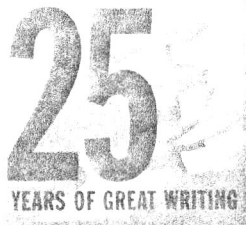


## ENTRANCE GUIDELINES

- ELIGIBILITY** Students in grades 3–12 who live in or attend school in Stamford.
- CATEGORIES** Fiction, non-fiction, poetry. Entries judged separately for Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6, Grades 7–8, Grades 9–10, Grades 11–12.
- SUBMISSIONS** **Each student may submit only one entry per category. Each student may submit entries in two categories only.**
- ORIGINALITY** Entries must be original work of one individual author.
- LENGTH** Fiction entries limited to 1500 words. Non-fiction limited to 1500 words; Poetry limited to two pages
- FORMAT** Entries must be in English, typed, single spaced using a simple 12 point font.  
NO color text, no illustrations, no staples
- PROCEDURE** Entry form must accompany submission. Two copies of each work must be submitted. Author's name to appear on **entry form** only. Author's name must **NOT** appear on the submission. A separate entry form is required for each submission.
- DEADLINE** February 12, 2010, postmarked or hand delivered. Mail to Stamford Literary Competition, c/o Friends of Ferguson Library, One Public Library Plaza, Stamford, CT, 06904.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Winners will be notified by April 15, 2010.

## JUDGING GUIDELINES

- CRITERIA** There may be five winners in each category: First, second, third place, and up to two honorable mentions.
- CREATIVITY** 50% Insightful content based on personal experience and/or issues of personal interest. Originality and appropriateness of topic are essential.
- STRUCTURE** 25% **Organization:** Clarity of thought, clear focus, coherent expression, development of theme (opening, development, closing)  
**Fiction:** Present and resolve conflict or problem affecting characters  
**Non-Fiction:** Logical development with supporting arguments or examples  
**Poetry:** Indicate understanding of form and structure, and demonstrate command of the elements of poetry.
- TECHNIQUE** 25% Accuracy in grammar, spelling and punctuation. Ability to use punctuation conventionally or for effect. Language appropriate to subject and audience. Proper use of vocabulary—appropriate choice of words. Variety of sentence structure. Presentation should be neat, easy to follow, easy to read, with clear/clean margins.



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Category _____
Grade Level _____
Code# _____

## ENTRY FORM

**Author's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Category** please check one

Fiction (F)

Nonfiction (NF)

Poetry (P)

**Grade Level** please check one

Grade 3

Grade 4

Grade 5

Grade 6

Grades 7-8

Grades 9-10

Grades 11-12

This is my written work. It is not copied or adapted from another source. I grant permission for my entry to be included in the Stamford Literary Competition's annual publication.

**Signature of Author** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please print)*

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I have served as final editor of my student's work.

**Signature of Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

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