

Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards
TERMS and CONDITIONS

Entry:

There is no entry fee required for submissions. Participants need not be enrolled in gifted programs. By submitting your work, you agree to the Terms and Conditions of the event as stated herein. All work submitted must be original material written by the participant and is the sole responsibility of the participant. Participants are entirely responsible for all content submitted, and such content must (i) not be an infringement of any copyright or trademark; (ii) not be a violation of the privacy, publicity or other proprietary rights of any person or entity; (iii) not be a solicitation or advertisement; (iv) not contain any private or personally-identifiable information belonging to you (except for your own name, school name, and address) or to any non-fictional third party or entity; (v) not be obscene, sexually explicit, indecent or gratuitously violent; (vi) not be unlawful, fraudulent or harmful, defamatory, harassing or intimidating; and (vii) not be in violation of any of the terms and conditions contained herein.

Sponsorship:

Scholastic Testing Service, Inc., The Center for Gifted at National-Louis University, The National Association of Gifted Children (NAGC), The National Association of Gifted Children Creativity Division (NAGC-Creativity Division), and The Torrance Center for Creativity and Talent Development, shall hereinafter be referred to as “CO-SPONSORS”.

Reservation of Rights:

CO-SPONSORS hereby reserve the right to declare any entries ineligible if determined not to be in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. By submitting your work, you do hereby waive any legal or equitable rights or remedies you have or may have against CO-SPONSORS, with respect thereto, and agree to indemnify and hold our owners, operators, employees, affiliates, agents, and independent contractors, harmless to the fullest extent allowed by law with regards to all matters that may hereafter arise. All rights, whether now existing or that may hereafter come in existence, which are not expressly granted in these Terms and Conditions, are hereby reserved to and by the CO-SPONSORS. If any provision herein shall, to any extent, be declared invalid or unenforceable, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed not to be part of these Terms and Conditions, the participant and CO-SPONSORS agree to remain bound by all of the remaining provisions.

Submission:

Please complete and send the attached Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards Application and Parental Consent Form with your submission. No more than one entry in each category will be accepted; i.e. one poem per poet, one story per author. If more than one entry per category is submitted, all entries in that category by said writer will be disqualified. Please follow these additional instructions as follows:

- Maximum submission length of 1250 words for stories;

- No submission length restrictions for poetry;
- Clearly state your name on a cover page;
- Clearly state your name in the upper right corner of each page of your submission;
- Attach the Application and Authorization forms to the front of your submission;
- Securely staple all pages of your submission together;
- Number all pages of your submission;
- All entries must be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12;
- Please copy your work as your submission will not be returned to you;
- Only your final draft will be accepted.

Please submit all entries to:

Scholastic Testing Service, Inc.
480 Meyer Road
Bensenville, IL 60106-1617

*Please include “Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards” on attention line.

Deadlines:

We will begin accepting submissions on May 1, 2009. The deadline to submit an entry for the awards is August 24, 2009.

Overall Topic – Creativity Expressed in Writing

- Accepted Genres: Poetry and Stories
- Poetry Topic:
 - “Nature – wonder and wisdom”
 - “What do you see in nature and how do you respond to it?”
- Story Topics:
 - “Singing in One’s Own Key”
 - “Shaking Hands with Tomorrow”
 - “What is Magic?”
 - “The Flying Monkey”
- All students are eligible from the following groups (A, B, C), identified by the grade in which enrolled as of September, 2009:
 - Group A: Grades 4 and 5
 - Group B: Grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Group C: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Award Groups:

- One poetry winner will be selected from each grade group
- One poetry runner-up will be selected from each grade group
- One story winner will be selected from each grade group
- One story runner-up will be selected from each grade group
- One grand prize winner with the highest scoring submission of all grade groups and both genres will be selected.
- Judging shall be conducted by trained, certified judging volunteers through use of a points based scoring rubric. Components of said scoring rubric are:

Poetry:

Imagination
Originality
Imagery

Stories:

Imagination
Originality
Elaboration
Fluency

Prizes:

- One grade 4 and 5 (Group A) poetry winner will receive: Creativity book, publication of submission, and \$50.00.
- One grade 4 and 5 (Group A) poetry runner-up will receive: publication of submission.
- One grade 6, 7, and 8 (Group B) poetry winner will receive: Creativity book, publication of submission, and \$50.00.
- One grade 6, 7, and 8 (Group B) poetry runner-up will receive: publication of submission.
- One grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 (Group C) poetry winner will receive: Creativity book, publication of submission, and \$50.00.
- One grade 9, 10, 11, and 12 (Group C) poetry runner-up will receive: publication of submission.
- One grade 4 and 5 (Group A) story winner will receive: Creativity book, publication of submission, and \$50.00.
- One grade 4 and 5 (Group A) story runner-up will receive: publication of submission.
- One grade 6, 7, and 8 (Group B) story winner will receive: Creativity book, publication of submission, and \$50.00.

- One grade 6, 7, and 8 (Group B) story runner-up will receive: publication of submission.
- One grade 9, 10, 11, 12 (Group C) story winner will receive: Creativity book, publication of submission, and \$50.00.
- One grade 9, 10, 11, 12 (Group C) story runner-up will receive: publication of submission.
- One Grand Prize Winner will receive: Same as above, plus NAGC Convention registration for the participant's teacher and NAGC Parent Membership for the participant's parent.

All award recipients will be notified no later than October 10, 2009, via telephone and US Postal Service. The parent and teacher of the Grand Prize Winner will also be notified via telephone and US Postal Service. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure their contact information is correct and current. No transfer or substitution of prizes is permitted, and no more than the stated number of prizes will be awarded. Travel expenses to the NAGC Conference are not included. Award recipients are solely responsible for all costs or expenses not specifically exempted herein, and any and all applicable federal, state, or local taxes on the value of their prizes. Poetry and stories submitted by the same participant may not be eligible for more than one prize. The award recipient's submissions will be included on CO-SPONSORS' websites, and shall be displayed indefinitely. The award recipients may also be featured in CO-SPONSORS' newsletters and publications at their sole discretion. The form and format of publication of award recipient's submissions shall be at the sole discretion of the CO-SPONSORS. By the act of submitting an entry for this contest and accepting a prize, award recipients agree to the release of his/her name, pen name, likeness, city, state, and name of school, for potential publicity purposes, except where prohibited by law. Due to formatting restrictions, the right is hereby retained by CO-SPONSORS to reformat any submission for publication size and placement. Every effort will be made to preserve section breaks and forms. The Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards may be terminated without prior notice at any time after it begins; however, if such a termination should occur, all prizes will be awarded to recipients according to the rankings at the time of termination.

Limitation of Liability:

CO-SPONSORS are in no way responsible for any of the content or typographical errors in any Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards-related materials or published works, and are under no obligation to publish every submission that is chosen as award recipient, and can disqualify a submission at any time, without notification. CO-SPONSORS are not responsible for any individual's inability to enter this contest, including but not limited to: errors of any kind, whether human, electronic, or mechanical regarding lost, misdirected, late, incomplete or damaged submissions; or for any damages related to or resulting from participation in this Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards. CO-SPONSORS hereby reserve the right to end or modify the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards if fraud or technical failures compromise the integrity of same as determined by the CO-SPONSORS' sole discretion. Participants hereby agree that the CO-SPONSORS, their promotion partners, affiliated companies, agencies and their employees are not liable for injury, losses, damages or costs of any kind resulting from participation in the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards, or in results of accepting or using

the prize awarded. The right is hereby reserved, in the CO-SPONSORS' sole discretion, to change, modify, add, or delete portions of these terms and conditions at any time without further notice.

In connection with submission entry, the participant hereby affirms, represents, and warrants that their submission is an original creation, solely authored by them, and that they own or have the necessary licenses, rights, consents, and permissions to use and authorize us to use all patent, trademark, copyright, or other proprietary rights in and to their submission to enable inclusion and use of the submission in the manner contemplated by these Terms and Conditions. Participants shall retain all ownership rights in their submissions. However, by submitting an entry to the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards the participants hereby and automatically grant, and represent, and warrant that they have the right to grant a perpetual, non-exclusive, irrevocable, fully-paid, royalty free, sub-licensable and transferable, in whole or in part, worldwide right and license under all copyright, trademarks, service marks, patents, privacy and publicity rights and other intellectual property rights they own or control, to use, reproduce, transmit, print, distribute, modify, copy, create derivative works of or based upon, publish, translate, host, cache, store, archive, index, categorize, display, exhibit, comment on, perform, and otherwise utilize such submission on or in connection with or on any website or through any services operated by CO-SPONSORS and their successors, partners and affiliates, including without limitation, redistributing the submission in any media in any format and through any media channels now known or hereafter existing.

CO-SPONSORS do not endorse any submission or any opinion, recommendation, or advice expressed therein, and expressly disclaims any and all liability in connection with received submissions. CO-SPONSORS do not permit copyright infringement activities and infringement of intellectual property rights on or through CO-SPONSORS' products, services, or websites, and will remove any submissions, upon receipt of proper notification, in accordance with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, that such submission infringes on another's intellectual property rights. CO-SPONSORS reserve the right to remove submissions without prior notice. By entering the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards, participants agree to be legally bound by these rules.

For further information, please contact Scott Rich at srich@ststesting.com or 1.800.642.6787.

**Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards
2009 Application Form**

Please type or print clearly

Author Information:

Author's Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Daytime Telephone Number: (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

School Information:

Grade as of September, 2009: _____

School's Name: _____

School's Address: _____
(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip)

School's Telephone Number: _____

Teacher / Sponsor Name: _____
(Print)

Teacher / Sponsor Signature: _____
(Signature)

Teacher / Sponsor Daytime Phone Number: (_____) _____

Poetry / Story Information:

Title of Submission: _____

Number of Pages (including cover page): _____

**Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards
2009 Parental Consent Form**

I have read the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards submission Terms and Conditions, and I agree to abide by them. By participating I grant CO-SPONSORS the right to use my submission royalty free (without compensation) for posting and publication. I certify that this entry is an original composition and is not subject to any copyright restrictions or violations.

Author's Name

Author's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please submit your complete submission, application, and consent forms to the following address:

Scholastic Testing Service, Inc.
Attention: Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards
480 Meyer Road
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Application materials should be postmarked no later than August 24, 2009.