

Flower Mound Writers, Inc.  
Teen Writing Contest  
Submission Guidelines

This contest is open to all Lewisville Independent School District middle and high school students, including graduating seniors, enrolled in the 2005-06 school year.

**TOPIC:** Personal essay/memoir

**CATEGORIES:** middle school and high school.

Entry deadline: June 30, 2006

Late entry deadline: July 5, 2006

**GUIDELINES:**

Entries will be accepted in hard-copy form only. Winning entries will require a media version for publication purposes - those to be requested at a later date.

Entries must be typed, double-spaced, Times Roman 12 font or New Times Roman 12 font.

Each entry must have a complete *Official Entry Form*, indicating the following: Entry title, entrant's name, address, telephone number, school, grade, editor (teacher). No part of the judgable writing will be on the cover page.

All pages containing judgable writing will have ONLY the entry's title and page number. No other identifying information may be on the pages being judged. A cross-referenced data base will be created by the contest administrator(s).

ALL entries must be the student's ORIGINAL work; however, teachers/sponsors may assist in brainstorming, revision, editing and publication processes. ALL entries MUST be of a subject matter appropriate for publication in a public forum, including newspapers, journals, and Flower Mound Writers, Inc. (FMW) bound publications. FMW reserves first-round publication rights decisions, with subsequent publication rights returning to the author.

**COMPETITION RULES:**

1. All entrants MUST be LISD students in the 2005-06 school year. Spring 2006 graduates accepted.
2. Middle school entrants may submit in more than one category; high school entrants may only submit in the high school category..
3. 250 words minimum to 1000 words maximum
4. All entries must be the student's original, unpublished work, written in English, and not accepted for publication by any other entity.

**ENTRY PREPARATION:**

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1. All entries **MUST** be accompanied by an official entry form found on the FMW website at <http://www.flowermoundwriters.org>, from the school library, or from your school English/Language Arts (E/LA) teacher.
2. Submissions accepted from either the student or the E/LA teacher.
3. All entries must be typed, double-spaced, on one side of 8 ½ x 11 white paper; computer printed is acceptable.
4. All entries must include the word count: 250 minimum to 1000 maximum .
5. Two (2) copies of each entry should be provided, as each entry will be read by two judges. The sum of the two judges' scores will be considered the total score for each entry.

**JUDGING:**

1. All decisions of the judges are final. Judges are from both the education and business sectors.
2. No entries will be returned.
3. Top award winners will be notified by mail.

**PRIZES:**

1. First place in each category (middle school and high school) will receive a \$100.00 savings bond and be published in an area newspaper, school publication, and a FMW publication.
2. Second through tenth place in each category will receive a certificate denoting their rank and be published in the FMW publication.
- e. Each school represented by first through tenth place winners will be notified and a copy of the final publication sent for inclusion in the school library.
5. First through tenth place winners in each category will have a group photo taken and published in a local newspaper, with a caption to include winners' names.
6. ALL entrants will receive certificates of participation in the **FMW First Annual Teen Writing Contest**.

**SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY:** Submissions should be mailed to: Dianne Aynes, FMW Writing Contest, 1426 Applegate, Lewisville, TX 75067; or contact Dianne at 972/754-4766 to arrange for pick-up of multiples.