



# Oklahoma Writing Project

## Write To Win!

2012 Writing Contest for Students and Teachers

*Entries postmarked by January 20, 2012*



- Limit, 20 student entries per teacher. \$2.50 per entry. No student may enter more than two pieces total, and only one per genre. Teachers may enter two pieces, only one per genre.
- This year, to save paper, paper clips, and postage, **all entries must be attached to an e-mail sent from teacher's school e-mail address.** (Teachers with no e-mail address should contact OWP for instructions.) **OWP must receive entry blank and check or purchase order for entry fees via snail mail with a postmark date no later than January 20, 2012** in order for entries to be accepted in the contest.
- Winners in each division will be invited to an OWP Spring Celebration & Writing Conference and will have their writing published in *the 2012 OWP Anthology of Winning Writing* and on the OWP Website. Winners and their teachers will receive two free anthologies of winning writing.
- Students and teachers will be competing against others in their own divisions and genres. Divisions are determined by grade rather than by school level: **Primary** (pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup>); **Intermediate**, (grades 3-5); **Middle School** (grades 6-8); **High School**, (grades 9-12), and **Teacher**

# 2012 OWP Writing Contest Genres



## **Descriptive Paragraph**

Describe a person, a place, an object, a feeling. The paragraph can be an excerpt from a larger piece of writing or can be complete in itself. Put the reader there with sensory details and telling facts. Limit 150 words.



## **Personal Narrative**

Write personal memoir or a narration of an event in your life. Try to cover a very short period of time. Details are important. Be sure to use active, vivid verbs. Weave in description with action to put the reader there. Limit 2000 words.



## **Poem**

It can rhyme, but it doesn't have to. Try including similes, metaphors, personification. Experiment with repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia. Limit, 66 lines.



## **Short Story**

Create the characters and come up with a conflict. Put those characters in a place and time, and see what they decide to do. Try weaving together action, dialogue, and description to keep the reader involved. Limit 2500 words. Longer stories will be disqualified.



## **Essay**

Stand up for an issue; change someone's mind. You can pick the topic. Suggestions? Comment on controversial issues, current events, art, television, movies, books, videos, video games, products. Show us how to look at something from another viewpoint.



## **Writing across the Curriculum**

You can also enter writing you did in a class other than language arts—science, social studies, math, *etc.* (Description, Narration, Poetry, Essay) Limit 1000 words.



## **Flash Fiction**

Also called "sudden fiction," this genre packs a punch with a small amount of text. A complete story includes the traditional elements of setting, characterization, and conflict. Choose a time and place, narrow your focus, start in the middle of the action, keep the reader guessing, and end with a bang -- or a twist! Limit 100 words



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### ***INSTRUCTION TO TEACHERS, 2012 OWP WRITING CONTEST:***

Each piece should be typed as a Microsoft **Word** document in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced. If we can't open the document, it may be disqualified.

Do **NOT** include student's name, school, or teacher in the attached document (entry) but only the title and the writing. Only the attachments will be forwarded to the contest judges.

Send a separate e-mail for each entry. Subject of e-mail should be the title of the piece. In the body of the e-mail, list

- Student's name
- Student's grade
- Title of piece
- Genre of entry
- Teacher's name
- School
- School address
- School phone
- Teacher's school e-mail address

Winners, when announced, will receive a form in the mail to have their parents and teacher sign, verifying originality of the piece and agreeing to have the work published in the OWP anthology and online.

E-mail entries to [youngwriters2012@att.net](mailto:youngwriters2012@att.net) by January 20, 2012. Entries received after that date will not be accepted.

Print and mail entry blank with check or purchase order to Oklahoma Writing Project at address on entry blank. Envelope must be postmarked by January 20, 2012. Winners will be notified after February 13, 2012.

Limit 20 entries per teacher, two per student in separate genres. Teacher may enter 2 pieces, each a different genre.

Please print and mail entry blank, check or purchase order to

Oklahoma Writing Project  
2011 Writing Contest  
338 Gate Center Drive, Room 190  
University of Oklahoma  
Norman, OK 73019

Entry Blank (one entry blank per teacher)  
2012 OWP Student/Teacher Writing Contest  
Postmark Deadline January 20, 2012

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's School \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Student writing contest entries @ \$2.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(limit 20 per teacher, no more than 2 per student)

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher writing contest entries @ \$2.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(limit one per category, 3 total)

**Total due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed # \_\_\_\_\_ amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase order # \_\_\_\_\_ amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address:

Attention: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School or District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks payable to: "Oklahoma Writing Project"  
Mail to University of Oklahoma address above.

Questions? Contact: Janis Cramer at janiscramer@att.net or 405-495-4903