



Write To Win!

2014 Writing Contest for Students and Teachers

Entries postmarked by January 17, 2014



- 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.
- **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 17, 2014** 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 2014 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 2nd); **Intermediate**, (grades 3-5); **Middle School** (grades 6-8); **High School**, (grades 9-12), and **Teacher**.

2014 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. It can be metered or free verse. 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, 2014 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 owpwritingcontest@gmail.com by January 17, 2014. 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 17, 2014. Winners will be notified after February 10, 2014.

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
2014 Writing Contest
338 Gate Center Drive, Room 190
University of Oklahoma
Norman, OK 73019

Entry Blank (one entry blank per teacher)
2014 OWP Student/Teacher Writing Contest
Postmark Deadline January 17, 2014

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.