

**2012 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:

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC), The National Association for Gifted Children Creativity Network (NAGC-Creativity Network), The Torrance Center for Creativity and Talent Development, the Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI), Ignite Creative Learning Studio, Knox College, The Center for Gifted, a Northern Illinois University Partner, and Scholastic Testing Service, Inc., 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 mail or email the attached Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards Application and Parental Consent Form with your submission. Entries may also be submitted via the electronic submission form. 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 will be disqualified. Please follow the additional instructions as follows:

- Maximum submission length of 1,250 words for stories.
- No submission length restrictions for poetry.

For Paper (hardcopy) Submissions Sent Via Postal Service/Mail:

- 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 (unless emailed-please see below).
- 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. All authors must edit their work for punctuation errors, grammatical errors, and any other errors or omissions, before submitting their entries.

For Electronic Submissions:

- Electronic entries may be submitted via the Official Torrance Legacy Writing Awards Electronic Submission Form found on the main information page of the 2012 Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards website.
- Entries may be submitted electronically via email with submission forms attached to: torrancewriting@centerforgifted.org
- If submitting an entry via the official Electronic Submission Form, ensure that all fields are completed and the entry is completely pasted into the proper Electronic Submission Form field.
- All electronic submissions must be edited by the author to ensure that spacing and punctuation remains intact after pasting the entry into the electronic submission form. All authors must edit their work for punctuation errors, grammatical errors, and any other errors or omissions, before submitting their entries electronically.

Eligibility:

All students are eligible from the following groups (A, B, C, and D), identified by the grade in which currently enrolled (If an author submits his or her entry upon completion of the grade enrolled or during summer break, group eligibility shall be for the grade in which he or she will be enrolled in during the upcoming academic year):

- Group A: Grades 2 and 3
- Group B: Grades 4 and 5
- Group C: Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Group D: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Award Groups:

- One (1) 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place poetry winner will be selected from Groups A, B, C, and D; and
- One (1) 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place story winner will be selected from Groups A, B, C, and D.

Judging:

Judging shall be conducted by trained, certified judging volunteers through use of a points-based scoring rubric. Said scoring rubrics may be viewed online at:

- Stories: http://www.ststesting.com/torrance/rubric_story_2012.pdf
- Poetry: http://www.ststesting.com/torrance/rubric_poetry_2012.pdf

Judging documents, rubrics, notes, comments, and the like, shall not be shared with or furnished to authors, parents, teachers, or any other entity. Submissions and/or entry forms will not be returned to authors.

Prizes:

Each author that submits an entry shall receive recognition of participation. Each winning entry shall receive a winning certificate and publication of their submission in the annual Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards Collection. Authors shall receive no monetary benefits from their participation in the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards.

Confidentiality:

Each participant's individual privacy will be maintained at all times and shall not be shared with anyone outside the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards CO-SPONSORS and Committee Members. A participant's name, city, state, and grade may be published in the Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards Collection if said participant's submission places in any of the Award Groups as stated herein.

*The following Application and Parental Consent Forms must be completed and accompany the writing submission for an entry to be accepted. If submitting a writing entry via electronic submission form, the parental consent field must be applied by a parent or guardian beyond the age of majority, in lieu of the forms below. Children under eighteen (18) years of age must have parental consent to participate in this contest.

