
2019 YOUTHINK WRITING CONTEST

2019 THEME: IT MATTERS



ELIGIBILITY:

You must attend 6th-8th grade and either be a resident of Orinda or attend a school located in Orinda to participate.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

Entries must be a story (fiction or non-fiction), poem, or other creative writing form; presented in English, and written specifically for the contest and without teacher or parent involvement. Entries must be 750 words or less. Submissions will be evaluated on content, clarity, structure, and originality.

CONTEST PROMPT:

The writing prompt for 2019 is *It Matters*; however, you may write about anything you like—real or imaginary—adhere to the prompt or not! There is no limit to your imagination.

ENTRY:

Entries will only be accepted via email. Email your entry to oyouthink@gmail.com with the following:

- **Completed entry form.** Make sure to include all required information in your submission.
- **PDF of entry submission.** We will not accept Google doc, Word doc, or any other format. Contestant name must be listed in a header on top right corner of every page.

Once you have submitted your entry, you will receive a receipt notification from oyouthink@gmail.com to confirm your entry was successfully submitted.

JUDGING:

The entries will be judged by a panel of local, professional, and best-selling authors, writers, reporters, and children's book editors. The judges will evaluate submissions and select the winners. The judges will remain confidential until the winners are announced.

PRIZES:

First Place \$250, Second Place \$125, and Third Place \$75, and ten honorable mention gift certificates. Winners will be notified via email by March 31. Winning entries may be posted online and re-printed in local papers. Prizes will be awarded at an Awards Ceremony in April that is open to the public and all family and friends are invited to attend.

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ENTRY FORM

The contest opens **December 3, 2018**. Entries will be accepted through **February 15, 2019**. Entries limited to one entry per contestant, 750 words or less. There is no fee to participate. Late entries will not be accepted.

Title of Entry: _____

Number of Words: _____

Category Entered: (circle one) Story Poem Essay Other

Name of Author: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Author Email: _____

Author Home Address: _____

Author Phone Number(s): _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number(s): _____

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