
2018 YOUTHINK WRITING CONTEST

2018 THEME: MY WORLD



ELIGIBILITY:

This contest is open to middle school students (6th, 7th and 8th grade), who live in Orinda or attend an Orinda school.

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. Submissions will be evaluated on content, clarity, structure, and originality.

CONTEST PROMPT:

The writing prompt for 2018 is *My World*; 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:

Contest opens **December 4, 2017**. One entry per student. There is no fee to participate. Submissions must be 750 words or less, typed and double-spaced. All hard-copy submissions must be printed single-sided. All electronic submissions must be either Word or PDF attachments to emails. Contestant names should appear on the top right-hand corner of each page and the completed entry form must be attached to your submission. Winning submissions may be posted for the public and re-printed in local papers. Entries must be delivered and postmarked (Orinda Junior Women's Club, Post Office Box 40, Orinda, CA 94563) or emailed to info@orindajuniors.org by **February 14, 2018**.

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 mentions gift certificates. Winners will be notified by mail and receive their prizes at an Awards Ceremony on April 19, 2018. The ceremony is open to the public and all family and friends are invited to attend.

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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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