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# 2021 YOUTHINK WRITING CONTEST

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2021 THEME:  
HOPE



## 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 2021 is *Hope*; 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 in April.

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## ENTRY FORM

The contest opens **December 1, 2020**. Entries will be accepted through **February 26, 2021**. 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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