

Georgia Council of Teachers of English Student Writing Awards

GCTE Members, be sure your membership is current!

Make copies of entry form back as needed.

Who can participate?

Teachers must be GCTE members or in elementary schools with institutional membership; students must be enrolled in a Georgia public, private, or parochial school in grades K-12.

As a teacher, how many entries may I submit?

Each GCTE member may submit a maximum of five entries, no more than two from the same student

Under institutional membership, a total of 40 entries may be submitted.

What are the guidelines?

- Poetry or prose must be completed during the 2008-2009 school year
- 1200 word maximum length; submit in Microsoft Word/TimesRoman/12 pt. Font (8 1/2 x 11 paper without letterhead, double-spaced with 1" margins)
- Submit one entry form (see next page) and 3 copies of each page of poem or story; paper clip together; **students' names should not appear on the actual entries.**
- Must be postmarked no later than February 23, 2009
- Must be original work of students; (teachers must guard against plagiarism)
- Work may have been considered for other awards, but may not have appeared in other publications; students retain copyright of their writing.
- Must include a translation if not in English
- Title should be centered at top of first page, and succeeding pages should be numbered
- Early elementary teachers should submit both the original and the typed copy

The Award Process:

- All entries will be read and judged by a panel of three judges who are grade-level specialists.
- The best entries will be published in the GCTE publication, *Mindscaapes*; all participants will receive certificates.
- In the event of publication of a student's writing, only the customary six copies of the publication will be sent to schools with an Elementary Institutional Membership.
- All entries become the property of GCTE and will not be returned.

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Student Writing Awards Deadline February 23, 2009
ENTRY FORM

In order to ensure accuracy of information, please type or print clearly.

Student Information (Print)

Title of Piece: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (____) _____

International Student? Yes or No

Grade: _____

Teacher Information (print) BE SURE YOUR GCTE MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail address _____

Official School Information (print)

School: _____ County _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____

Release for Publication

I grant the GCTE the right to reproduce the entered writing in any of its publications. I also grant GCTE permission to release information to news papers.

Teacher Signature _____ Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Mail entries to:

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