



4th Annual Ohio Braille Accuracy and Creative Writing Contest - 2009

Target Audience: Braille students who want to have fun and write original, creative stories, whether they are just learning Braille or an old pro! Cash prizes will be awarded!

Teachers and Parents: Encouraging your students to enter this unique opportunity will assist them in developing Braille accuracy and creative writing skills. Remember: Braille literacy may be the key to your child's future!



Dates to Remember:

April 3, 2009: All entries must be received.

May 29, 2009: Judging should be completed. All participants will be notified after that time.

GUIDELINES

- ✚ All Braille must be manually produced. No computer Braille will be accepted!
 - ✚ Submissions must be original works.
 - ✚ Entries must be on standard 8 ½ x 11 inch Braille paper.
 - ✚ Submissions may be either a short story or a poem on any subject and should be no longer than 1000 words. (Only one entry per student.)
 - ✚ Entries will be anonymous for purposes of judging. Students should not put their names on their entry.
 - ✚ A Student/Teacher Information Form must accompany each entry form with the student's name and should state the student's level of Braille proficiency. For example, how long has the student been learning Braille? What contractions have they been taught to date? Please be sure to send one form with each writing submission per envelope. Submissions will be judged according to the student's individual knowledge of the Braille code.
 - ✚ Submissions will be scored on a scale of 100 points: 50 points for creativity and 50 points for accuracy of Braille.
 - ✚ Winners will be notified by mail no later than June 5, 2009.
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Please mail entries by April 3, 2009 to:
Shannon Bonenberger
Ohio State School for the Blind - Outreach Department
5220 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43214

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shannon Bonenberger at sbonenberger@ossb.oh.gov or 614-387-0183.



Are you stuck? Can't think of what to write about?

Try one of these ideas ----

- Make us laugh! Tell us a hilarious story or share a funny experience.
- Write about a make believe world or create a story about a dream or fantasy you may have.
- Tell us a tale of adventure that will have us on the edge of our seats.

Prizes:

Grades 3 - 6

- 1st place: \$25.00
- 2nd place: \$15.00
- 3rd place: \$10.00

Grades 7 - 9

- 1st place: \$75.00
- 2nd place: \$50.00
- 3rd place: \$25.00

Grades 10 - 12

- 1st place: \$150.00
- 2nd place: \$125.00
- 3rd place: \$100.00



Prizes are provided by a fund donated by Jane A. Yost .

Student/Teacher Information Form

*Please complete this form and return it with each writing submission to:
Shannon Bonenberger, Ohio State School for the Blind - Outreach
Department, 5220 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214*

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Current Grade: _____

School/District: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Years teacher has known/worked with the student: _____

Years student has been using/learning Braille: _____

Please check the category that applies to this student:

_____ This student is a proficient Braille writer and should know the Grade 2 Braille code.

_____ This student is still learning Grade 2 Braille and has learned the following contractions and short forms:

Please state any special considerations you think the Writing Contest Committee should take into consideration:

I certify that the attached writing submission is, to the best of my knowledge, original and was produced manually, using a Perkins Braillewriter or slate and stylus.

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____