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**Louisiana Reading Association**

**Young Authors Contest**

**2012-2013**

Dear Council Chairperson,

Thank you for accepting the responsibility for our *Young Authors Contest*. Please read over the contest guidelines very carefully. There are several changes this year, and all applications must be typed and all entries must be submitted in both hard copy and digital format. Attached you will also find a helpful checklist to assist you when mailing your entries. Please remember that your council must be “in good standing” with LRA in order to participate in the state Young Authors contest. If you are unsure of your council’s status, contact LRA State Coordinator.

You will be notified of the state winners in April. All winners’ work will be published in *Les Jeunes Ecrivains.* State winners will receive anthologies, certificates, and medals.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions. Thank you once again for serving.

Sincerely,

Angela Cassard

LRA Young Authors Contest Chairperson

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Zachary, LA 70791

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**Young Authors Contest**

**GUIDELINES**

**2012-2013**

**School Level Information**

1. All students enrolled in grades K-12 are eligible.
2. Categories of writing are: **(500 word maximum)**

1. Poetry

2. Fiction

  3. Non-Fiction

1. Grade levels: Regular Education: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

 Special Education: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

 **Gifted students are to be entered in the regular education categories only – not special**

 **education categories.**

1. Information/Permission form:
* Must be completely filled out (**typed** on the form provided) and signed by student **and** parent.
* Stapled **back-to-back** with entry.
* Use complete school names, not initials.
* Copy all winning entries on a CD/flash drive. Create two files on the CD/flash drive - Regular Education and Special Education. I just need the entry – not the permission form on the CD/flash drive. Write council’s name on the CD/flash drive.
1. Entries:
* **Must be student’s own work and completed in class.**
* Must be typed, double spaced with 1” margins all around, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman.
* Must be free of grammatical and mechanical errors.
* No student names, teacher names, or school names should appear anywhere on the entry as a heading or notation for class assignment.
* Must be no longer than 500 words.
* No pictures or drawings on the entries.
* Will be judged on originality and creativity.
* **Entries that do not meet all guidelines will be disqualified – no exceptions!**
1. School judging:
* Select one school winner for each category at each grade level. (No more than one selection per student can be submitted in each category.)
* Copy entries and keep originals.
* Send copies with permission forms stapled back-to-back with entries to the district chairperson. Districts should set a due date that occurs prior to the release of students and teachers for the Christmas holidays.

**District Chairperson Information**

1. Parish judging:
* Select one parish winner for each category at each grade level.
* Parish level judging should take place in the month of January.
* If a council consists of more than one parish or district, the council should conduct a judging to select winning entries. Those winning entries (CD, hard copies w/ permission forms & winners’ list) must **ARRIVE** by **REGULAR MAIL on or before February 1, 2013** for the state level competition.
1. State winners will be announced in April.

**YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST 2012-2013**

**PERMISSION FORM**

 **NOTE: Type directly in the gray boxes.**

Student’s Name:       Grade:

Student’s Address:

Student’s City:       Student’s Zip Code:

Title of Entry:

Categories: [ ]  Regular Education [ ]  Special Education

 [ ]  Poetry [ ]  Nonfiction [ ]  Fiction

Teacher’s First and Last Name:

Teacher’s email address:

Teacher’s phone number:

(If more than one teacher, type the full names of both teachers.)

School:

City and Parish:

Name of Local Reading Council:

**This work is original, entirely my own, and written in class.**

**Student’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I give permission for this work to be published in Les Jeunes Ecrivains, the Louisiana Reading Association’s Anthology of State Winners. I also give permission for this piece, if selected, to be published in the Louisiana Reading Association’s Reading: Exploration and Discovery, the association’s journal.

**Parent’s Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**LOUISIANA READING ASSOCIATION**

**YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST 2012-2013**

**COVER SHEET**

 **NOTE: Local councils must submit this form with their entries. To enter this contest, the local council must be in good standing with the Louisiana Reading Association.**

 **Please type in each gray box.**

 **Name of Local Council:**

 **Chairperson’s Contact Information**

 **Council’s Young Authors Chairperson:**

 **Street Address:**

 **City:**

 **Home Phone:** **Work Phone:**

 **Email Address:**

Young Authors Contest

Sample Judge’s Scoring Sheet

Circle the information below that pertains to the entries being judged.

Regular / Special Education

Grade Level: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Category: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry

Please rate on *creativity/originality*:

 **5** – **Excellent**

 **4** – **High**

**3** – **Average**

 **2** – **Below average**

 **1** – **Low**

Judge\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**State Contest Mailing Checklist**

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| 1. Make sure all entries are from your council.
2. All entries must be mailed by a council representative, not individual schools’ chairpersons within the council. Mail only 1st place winners for each category.
3. Check that all information is complete and typed on the entry forms.
4. Send a copy of the council’s Young Authors First Place Winners’ List. Place it on the top of the entries. **Complete a separate winners’ list for regular ed. and special ed.** *However, if a council publishes students’ work, all entries (regular and special) are to be published together with no distinction as to whether entry is regular ed. or special ed.*
5. Check that the council name is filled in, not the parish name.
6. Make sure that **all** students’ and parents’ signatures are obtained.
7. **Make sure the permission form and the entry are stapled back to back.**
8. Make sure entries do not exceed 500 words.
9. Make sure that all entries are typed.
10. Copy winning entries on a CD/flash drive with two files (regular education and special education). **Please write your council’s name on the CD/Flash Drive.**
11. **Using regular mail** send council winning entries (hard copies with permission forms & CD/Flash Drive) with Young Authors First Place Winners’ List to **arrive by February 1, 2013** to:

Angela Cassard 22132 Deer HavenZachary, LA 70791Email: angela.cassard@zacharyschools.org   |

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| **Council Name:** **Regular Education 2012-2013 Winners** |
| **School** | **Gr.** | **F** | **NF** | **P** | **Student's Name** | **Teacher's Name** | **Title** |
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**Council Name:** **Regular Education 2012-2013 Winners**

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| **Council Name:       Special Education 2012-2013 Winners** |
| **School** | **Gr.** | **F** | **NF** | **P** | **Student's Name** | **Teacher's Name** | **Title** |
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**Council Name:       Special Education 2012-2013 Winners**

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| **School** | **Gr.** | **F** | **NF** | **P** | **Student's Name** | **Teacher's Name** | **Title** |
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