

GUIDELINES
Columbia College Chicago Young Authors 2009
9th-12th Grade Students
(Please Note: Now Accepting Short Plays)

Eligibility: All high school students.

Specifications:

Deadline: Postmarked no later than December 19, 2008

Postmarked to: Chris Rice, Director, Young Authors 2009 Fiction Writing Department Columbia College Chicago 600 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60605

Entries: Submit your best writing in Fiction, Creative Nonfiction and Short Plays

1. FICTION WRITING

Students may submit in a range of prose forms and traditions, including short story, novel excerpt, letter story, folktale, story within a story, parody, and dream story, among other forms. Out of respect for the integrity of students' writing efforts, we will not set limitations on content or language. 10-page max, double-spaced, typed, 12-point type. No poetry, please. Submissions longer than 10 pages will not be considered.

2. CREATIVE NONFICTION WRITING

Creative Nonfiction is a genre of fact-based storytelling distinguished from journalism, reportage, and the traditional high school composition assignment by the use of fictional techniques and by the invested presence of the writer's personal voice and vision. Drawing on the techniques and forms of fiction writers - scene, character, dialogue, point of view, gestural imagery, and narration - creative nonfiction emerges from the strongest vein of fiction writing, to explore and interpret research and personal experiences, and in the literary traditions of Truman Capote, Zora Neale Hurston, and Mark Twain. 10-page max, double-spaced, typed, 12-point type. No poetry, please. Submissions longer than 10 pages will not be considered.

3. SHORT PLAYS

We are looking for short original work under 10 minutes. Short plays should be complete pieces -- not excerpts of longer plays or partial scenes. All formats, styles, subjects and cast sizes will be considered. Entries should follow standard playwriting format and be no longer than ten pages.

Each script must be accompanied by a signed entry form (photocopies are acceptable), limit of two (2) entries per category. Submissions will not be returned (they will be shredded).

We do not accept poetry.

ENTRY FORM
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Name of Student _____

Grade _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Teacher/Counselor _____ School Phone _____

Name of Principal _____

Title of Work _____

Category -- Check One: Fiction Creative Nonfiction Short Plays

I certify that this is my own original work and that, to the best of my knowledge, the work does not infringe on any existing copyright, legal, or privacy rights of others. I give permission to Columbia College Chicago to publish and distribute my work (should it be selected) now and in any future High School Institute anthologies Columbia College may publish. I understand that I will retain full copyright to my work. I certify that I have kept a copy of my submission for my own records.

Signature of Student _____

For office use only. Do not write below this line.
