



Northshore Reading Council



2020 – 2021 Young Authors Competition

November 16, 2020

Dear St. Tammany Parish Teachers,

It is that time of the year when we celebrate your students' writing! The Young Authors Contest, sponsored by the Northshore Reading Council and the Louisiana Reading Association, is a great opportunity to showcase their writing in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. This contest is open to all students, grades K-12 in St. Tammany Parish. Winners are selected at the district and state levels. District winners will be invited to an awards ceremony, where they will have the opportunity to read their publications to an audience. They will receive a certificate and a district publication featuring their writing. First place winners' entries will be sent to the state level for judging. State winners will receive an award and their writings published in "*Les Jeunes Ecrivains*", the state publication. Every year the Northshore Reading Council has had several winners, your students, at state level.

Different class assignments such as journal entries, formal writing assignments, and poetry are great entries. A copy of the guidelines is attached to this email. Please note that the deadline this year will be **January 22, 2021** avoiding the busy time before the Christmas break; however, this change means that **ALL received entries must be sent in the correct digital form with typed permission and communication forms and must be received by that date.** Last year several schools were disqualified because instructions were not followed. To prevent your student's work from being disqualified, please follow the directions precisely.

PLEASE READ NORTHSHORE READING COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS BELOW:

Due to the financial resources needed to put on the presentation for the local winners, we are **requiring that one teacher or administrator of your school joins the Northshore Reading Council.** An application form including the address to send your application with a check for \$25.00 has been attached to this email. **TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION - ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE:**

1. Membership in the Northshore Reading Council of at least one paid teacher or administrator from your school (application attached).
2. A copy of the parish communication release form signed by the student and parent.
3. **Typed** & completely filled in and **signed permission form**
4. Original copy of entry in a **Word document** according to the guidelines – see below
5. List of your school's winners with titles
6. All of the above items **must** be received by the deadline of January 22.

Send entries by both of the following methods:

1. **Via courier** with entries on a flashdrive or disk to Christy Mayfield at Fontainebleau High School with paper copies of the above requested materials.

AND

2. **An electronically attached word document/NOT in PDF or JPG form** to our email nsreadingcouncil@gmail.com. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A DIFFERENT EMAIL THAN PREVIOUS YEARS; ONLY SUBMISSIONS SENT TO THIS EMAIL WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR COMPETITION. **Permission forms** and **communication release forms** will need to be scanned and attached to the email **or** faxed to Christy Mayfield at 985-892-9894. Duplicates not needed.

The entry form and guidelines are attached to this letter. Please review them and help promote participation throughout your school. ***As we receive so many entries, it is imperative that you follow these guidelines to prevent your students' hard work from being eliminated.***

DEADLINE

January 22

ALL CRITERIA ABOVE MUST BE MET FOR JUDGING

A flyer is also provided to copy as needed to post throughout your school.
Thank you for your support of the Young Authors Contest.

Christy Mayfield

Chair of the Northshore Reading Council Young Authors' Competition; christy.mayfield@stpsb.org