



*If you love to write ...*

## Enter The Young Authors Writing Contest!

The Writing Tutor Young Authors Writing Contest is open to students in grades 5 through 12. Manuscripts will be judged in four categories: grades 5 & 6, grades 7 & 8, grades 9 & 10, and grades 11 & 12. Three winners will be selected from each age group. The winning entries from each contest will be published online and will be archived as examples of quality student writing to which other young writers may refer.

The **DEADLINE** for submitting an entry to the next contest is **June 10, 2005**. All entries must be received no later than 10:00 p.m. CST on this date. Entries received after this deadline will not be considered.

Winning entries will be published on The Writing Tutor web site ([www.TheWritingTutor.biz](http://www.TheWritingTutor.biz)), and winners will receive certificates. A copy of the certificate and the winning entry will be sent to each winner's teacher and school.

To submit an entry, complete the online entry form ([www.TheWritingTutor.biz/contests](http://www.TheWritingTutor.biz/contests)) and copy and paste the manuscript into the text box. Manuscripts should be proofread and should be free from spelling and typographical errors. Manuscripts should NOT contain **FORMATTING** of any kind (indentation, alignment, bold face, italics, etc.). Please double space after EACH paragraph. If you plan to submit two manuscripts, please complete the entry form two times.

### **Contest Rules:**

1. Manuscripts submitted to The Writing Tutor Young Authors Writing Contest should be the writer's OWN work. A writer may ask an adult to proofread his/her work, but the final work should represent the writer's ability.
2. Student authors must be in grades 5 through 12 to enter a manuscript.
3. Manuscripts may be either fiction or nonfiction. Fiction and nonfiction entries will be judged in the same category. Nonfiction manuscripts should be factually accurate and credit must be given to any sources used by the writer. Credit should be incorporated into the text (as in a magazine or newspaper article), not provided in list form at the end of the manuscript. No poetry will be accepted.
4. Manuscripts should be 1500 words or less (approximately 8300 characters including spaces). Entries longer than 1500 words will be cut off when the online entry form is submitted.
5. Manuscripts should be appropriate for school. In other words, if you are not allowed to say something in a school setting, don't say it in a manuscript that you enter in The Writing Tutor Young Authors Writing Contest. The Writing Tutor reserves the right to edit the content of any manuscript selected for publication on its website.
6. Student authors may submit up to two manuscripts. No more than two entries per author will be accepted. Please complete two separate online entry forms.
7. All authors must obtain parental approval in order to submit entries to The Writing Tutor Young Authors Writing Contest. In accordance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), parents of authors under the age of 13 must complete a parental consent form that must be mailed to The Writing Tutor before the author's entry will be considered. A printable consent form may be obtained at [TheWritingTutor.biz/contests](http://TheWritingTutor.biz/contests).