



## **The Young Authors Writing Contest**

**I have always told my students that the best way to become a better writer is to write – a lot! In order to encourage young authors to write and to provide them with an opportunity to see their work in “print,” The Writing Tutor will sponsor several writing contests each year.**

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**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, and winners will receive certificates. A copy of the certificate and the winning entry will be sent to each winner's teacher and school.**

**When submitting an entry, authors must include their full names and they must indicate how they would like their names to be published if their manuscripts are selected as winners. For example, some young authors and their parents may opt to publish the author's first name only. Others may decide to publish the author's name in full or withhold the name entirely. The Writing Tutor is not involved in this decision. If there is any doubt as to how an author's name should appear, the winning manuscript will be published, but the name will be withheld until The Writing Tutor receives written notification from the parent of the author indicating how the name should be published.**

**In order to submit an entry, complete the online entry form 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. Before submitting an entry, please read the contest rules, the criteria used to evaluate fiction manuscripts, and criteria used to evaluate nonfiction manuscripts. All of this information, as well as the online entry form, can be found at [www.TheWritingTutor.biz/contests](http://www.TheWritingTutor.biz/contests).**

**The Writing Tutor voluntarily complies with the Children's Online Protection Act (COPPA); therefore, 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. Please read The Writing Tutor Privacy Policy before allowing your child to complete the online contest entry form. Both the consent form and the privacy policy can be found at [www.TheWritingTutor.biz/contests](http://www.TheWritingTutor.biz/contests).**