



**The Orleans-Niagara Teacher Resource
and Computer Training Center**
(<http://www.ontract.org>)



invites students in our constituent districts to participate in the

Annual Writing Contest

This Year's Theme:

When I Grow Up



**Judging will be by grade or writing level, K-8
1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in each Category for each Level!**

Entries must be received at the Teacher Center by 4 PM, **Fri., Feb. 15, 2008**

Please read ALL rules carefully, to avoid disqualification of your students' entries.

NEW **1 poem, 1 short story, and 1 essay per teacher PER GRADE LEVEL.** If you teach multiples grades, you may submit 3 from each grade. **A student may only submit 1 entry.**

NO EXCEPTIONS

(This means that each teacher may submit a maximum of 3 entries per grade level, and they must be from 3 different students. This will assist teachers who teach more than one grade. Teachers may not submit any group entries. If there are 2 or more teachers working together, with the same student, they are still limited to 3 entries.)

2. **The entry MUST be typed or word-processed.** (*Very young, or special needs, students may dictate to an adult if necessary*)
3. Entry should only be printed on one side of the paper, **double-spaced.** (PLEASE)
4. **No student names or school names should appear on the actual entry.** The Teacher Center staff will assign code numbers for anonymous judging.
5. **The entry MUST have the enclosed cover sheet,** or accurate facsimile, with all information typed, or very clearly lettered.
6. An original and 3 readable copies of each entry **MUST** be submitted and must be sponsored by a teacher.
7. **Each participating District must try to provide a judge to grade entries.** As in the past, judges will be paid a stipend, by the Teacher Center, for their efforts.
8. **Incomplete or incorrect entries will not be judged!** (Remember: **submit 4 good copies**) A sample of our Judging Rubric is included in this packet for your reference
9. **Participating Teachers must complete the enclosed questionnaire, and submit it along with the entries.**
10. **Participating teachers are expected to contact the parents/guardians of each participating student, to apprise them of the contest.**

PLEASE NOTE:

**Winners of each category will be notified, and will be invited to receive their awards at
An awards ceremony in April (date TBA)**

Award presentations begin at 7 p.m.

All teachers are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Send 4 good copies of the entry (with one (1) completed cover page attached) to:

Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center
Niagara East Conference Center; Room 8
4124 Saunders Settlement Rd.
Sanborn, NY 14132

***** You may use the BOCES Interschool mail delivery system if possible. *****

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No Late Entries.**

Questions? Call the Teacher Center at (800) 836-7510 ext 3758

Feel free to make copies as needed

Orleans-Niagara Teacher Center 2007-08 Writing Contest Cover Page

Send 4 good copies of the entry (with only one completed cover page attached)

Incomplete Cover Pages will NOT be processed

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Category (*circle one*): Poetry Essay Short Story

If **Special Ed**, what is the student's **writing level**? K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

If **not** Special Ed, what is the student's **grade level**? K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student's Name: _____

Student's Mailing Address (**required**): _____

(so we can mail notices home to parents) _____

Teacher's Name: _____

District: BOCES Non-Public Albion Barker Lewiston-Porter
(*circle one*) Lockport Lyndonville Medina Newfane Niagara-Wheatfield
 N. Ton Roy-Hart Starpoint Wilson

Building: _____ Phone # _____

Teacher's Preferred e-mail (for our use only) _____

To be completed by Teacher Center Staff:

Date Received: _____

Entry Number: _____

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Required Teacher Questionnaire

In response to NYSED guidelines for our Teacher Center grant, and the goals we have set for ourselves related to our programs, we are continuing to evaluate the effectiveness of this popular annual program. In order to learn more about how this program is utilized and executed, we need to collect some data from you, the teacher. **This data is intended to be anonymous and will only be used to determine how the Annual Writing Contest can be improved.**

Please answer the questions below (on a separate page) to the best of your ability and send it to us with your entries by the **contest deadline of 4 PM, Fri., Feb. 15, 2008.**

Thank you!

- 1.) How do you integrate our writing contest into your curriculum?
- 2.) Upon which NYS Standards and/or Performance Indicators do you focus, as your students participate?
- 3.) How are your 3 students chosen to submit the 3 entries?
- 4.) Do your students exhibit improved writing skills *because* of their involvement in the contest? If so, how can you tell?
- 5.) What are your personal opinions of our Writing Contest?
- 6.) What opinions do parents share with you about the program?
- 7.) Do you have any ideas for next year's theme?

Put this sheet in a safe place so you'll remember it.

Every teacher who responds can receive one FREE laminated, custom-made, full-color poster (up to 24" x 36"), during the 2007-08 school year. Call ahead for details. 1-800-836-7510
Sunny: ext 3758

THANKS for your help!