



Texas Book Festival

The University Interscholastic League and the Texas Book Festival are sponsoring the 8th annual

Fiction Writing Contest

Texas junior high and high school students are invited to submit a piece of original fiction, no more than 2,000 words in length, to be judged by Texas authors, some of whom will appear at the 2009 Texas Book Festival in Austin, Oct. 31 & Nov. 1.

Entries should focus on the theme, "In My Own Backyard." Judges will look for excellence in use of dialogue, imagery, character development, setting, plot, conflict and resolution.

Submitted entries will be submitted in three divisions—Grades 7-8; Grades 9-10; Grades 11-12. Authors will enter the division for which they were a student during the 2008-09 school year.

Schools are limited to three entries per division. There is no entry fee. Entries must be double-spaced and faxed to the Texas Book Festival office at 512/322-0722 no later than July 1, 2009.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers per division. First place winners will be invited to Austin to receive an award and to read their works during the 2009 Texas Book Festival. Their winning entries will also be published on the Texas Book Festival Web site. To view the 2008 winning entries, visit http://www.texasbookfestival.org/childrens_chapter/UIIL.php

For additional information, contact Bobby Hawthorne • bhawthorne@mail.utexas.edu Entry forms are posted on the UIL's Web site and the Texas Book Festival Web site.

www.texasbookfestival.org
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'In My Own Backyard'

FICTION WRITING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Fax your entry to the Texas Book Festival office at 512/322-0722 by noon, July 1, 2009 with an accompanying signed entry form. Each entry should be faxed to the Texas Book Festival office at 512/322-0722 by July 1, 2009. Entries must also be accompanied by a contest entry form signed by a teacher-sponsor. This form is used to contact winning authors, to create award certificates and for announcing winners in a press release. Please be accurate in spelling and punctuation. Print or type CLEARLY. Winners will be notified by October 2009.

Students may enter in one of three divisions:
7-8 division
9-10 division
11-12 division
If submitting the form in the summer, please check the box of the grade division for which the author was a student during the 2008-09 school year.

Word maximum: 2000 words; 12 point type; double-spaced. Schools are limited to three entries per division

Do not mail entries to the Texas Book Festival or the UIL. Entries must be faxed to the TBF office at 512/322-0722. Deadline for receipt: July 1, 2009

Title of entry _____
Name of the student who created entry _____
Student home address _____
City/Zip _____
Student home phone # _____
Student e-mail _____
School _____
School address _____
School city/zip _____
Teacher name _____
Teacher phone # _____
Teacher e-mail _____

I certify that the entry attached to this form is that of the student and is an original piece of fiction by the student. I give permission for this entry to be published by the UIL or the Texas Book Festival, either in electronic or printed form, as an example of superior student work.

Signed _____ Date _____