

Weekly Reader's Student Publishing Contest

**Win \$500
and a trip to
Washington, D.C.*
No Entry Fee!**

Show off your students' nonfiction writing by entering their work in Weekly Reader's Student Publishing Contest. Individual articles and entire student publications are eligible.

All entries must be postmarked by March 19, 2010.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT WRITING

Any piece of student nonfiction writing between 500 and 2,500 words is eligible, including memoirs, essays, and stories about news events. Each entry should include:

- crisp writing and accurate information;
- compelling and engaging word choice;
- principles of good writing and/or reporting.

Note: Entries do not have to be published and do not need to be affiliated with a school.

WHOLE PUBLICATION

Student publications, including newspapers, magazines, and literary magazines that include nonfiction, are eligible. Each entry should include:

- clear, interesting writing and good grammar;
- an attractive layout and effective photo use;
- a variety of voices and diversity of opinion.

Note: Any electronic complement to the student publication—such as an official student-created Web site—will also be considered in judging the entry.



2009 Whole Publication winners

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 19, 2010

*Winners will be chosen in elementary, middle, and high school categories. Three winning authors and three school publications will each receive \$500. Winners will also receive a round-trip flight to Washington, D.C., and a one-night hotel stay in the nation's capital. Please see Contest Rules for details.



CONTEST RULES

Weekly Reader's Student Publishing Contest honors the best in **nonfiction** publications and individual writing by students. The contest is intended to inspire young people to tell true, compelling stories through good reporting and writing.

ELIGIBILITY

Entries must be student writing produced between Jan. 1, 2009, and Dec. 31, 2009.

Entries may be submitted in two categories:

1. Individual student writing
2. Whole publication

Only one entry per student will be accepted in the individual student writing category. Only one entry per publication will be accepted in the whole publication category. Students may enter a submission in both categories.

Individual student writing entries don't need to be affiliated with a school. In each of the categories, Weekly Reader will select a winner at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. There will be a total of six winners.

DEADLINE

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PRIZES

Each winning whole publication will be awarded a \$500 check (payable to the school) and a plaque. Each publication will also receive a round-trip flight and one-night hotel stay for a student, parent, and teacher to attend the awards luncheon in Washington, D.C. Teacher sponsors of winning publications will receive a one-year full classroom subscription to the Weekly Reader publication of his or her choice. (Elementary schools will receive any *Weekly Reader* or *WR News* edition; middle and high schools will receive *Current Events* or *READ*.)

Each winner of an individual student writing award will receive a check for \$500, payable to the student. Each winner will also receive a round-trip flight and one-night hotel stay for the student and a parent to attend the awards luncheon in Washington, D.C. In addition, Weekly Reader will publish (or republish) the student's piece, either in one of its magazines or on its Web site.

Weekly Reader will contact all winning schools and students. Winners will be honored at the annual Association of Educational Publishers luncheon in June in Washington, D.C.

ENTRY FORM

Weekly Reader's Student Publishing Contest

Honoring Outstanding Student Nonfiction Writing

Type of Entry:

- Individual student writing
 Whole publication (Note: Please submit three copies of the **same** issue.)

Grade Level of Entry (check one)

- Elementary school (grades 3 to 5)
 Middle school (grades 6 to 8)
 High school (grades 9 to 12)

Title of entry _____

Web site (if applicable) _____

Student name _____

School name _____

Address _____

Teacher name _____

Teacher e-mail _____

Parent/guardian name _____

Parent/guardian phone number _____

Teacher/parent/guardian signature _____

For each entry, submit three copies along with a completed entry form. Each individual student article or issue of a whole publication is considered a separate entry.

Mail to: The Association of Educational Publishers, Attn: Weekly Reader's Student Publishing Contest, 510 Heron Drive, Suite 201, Logan Township, NJ 08085. **All entries must be postmarked by March 19, 2010.** (No late entries will be accepted.)

For more information, visit www.weeklyreader.com/teachers/aep, write to dgladney@AEPweb.org, or call (914) 242-4009.