

Diamond Literary Festival



shining the spotlight on storytellers

The Diamond Literary Festival Association presents

The 1st Annual Discovering New Authors & Illustrators Contest

The Diamond Literary Festival Association (DLFA) not only shines the spotlight on authors. This year we are creating them by inaugurating the **1st Annual Discovering New Authors & Illustrators Contest**. The competition is designed to encourage our young people to write as well as read. **DLFA** will choose two **authors**, who will have a chance to have their manuscript published.

Contest Objectives and Guidelines

The contest is open to all current elementary through high school students, who reside in the county of San Diego, and who have not graduated from high school.

We are looking for manuscripts that are wholesome, bold and inspiring. All entries must be 2500 words maximum. All contestants are encouraged to submit illustrations. Entrants can create the illustrations or collaborate with another eligible student, as long as the contributing illustrator is given credit.

Each contestant must adhere to the following guidelines:

Submit to the Diamond Literary Festival Association a copy of the manuscript on CD, floppy disc or by e-mail, on or before February 5, 2007, along with:

- The student's name, address, phone number and grade level;
- The student's county of residence;
- Completed parental release form (if student is under 18);
- School name, address, phone number, and educator's name for verification purposes.
- A picture and bio of both author and illustrator to be used for future promotions;

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- Documentation of all research on the enclosed Works Cited page or an attached sheet (if applicable).

Selection criteria

All entries will be judged according to the criteria described in the “Contest Objectives and Guidelines.” Entries will be judged on four levels: age, grade level, book content and clarity, and quality of work. All winners will be invited to the DLFA banquet for recognition. Ten winners will receive ten prizes in all.

Prizes

1st & 2nd Place Winners

Books will be published by the DLFA followed by a book signing and festival tee-shirts. 60% of books published going to the writer and 40% to DLFA.

3rd And 4th Place Winners

Will win \$200 each and festival t-shirts.

5th Thru 10th Place Winners

Receive a \$25 gift certificate for school supplies or books and DLFA t-shirts.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation and a souvenir from the Diamond Literary Festival Association.

Contest Entering Process:

The contest is open to all San Diego County students in grades 5–12, both individually or through their school.

Books from participating schools:

- Students from participating schools will submit books to a school official (teacher, administrator, etc.) for pre-selection.
- **EACH SCHOOL WILL SUBMIT NO MORE THAN ONE BOOK PER GRADE.**
- School submissions should include:
 1. Book and corresponding entry forms and parental release forms (if applicable);
 2. A list of all other students who wrote books for this contest. (*The DLFA would like to recognize the efforts of all participants.*)

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Books from students whose schools are not participating or who are home-schooled:

- Students whose schools are not participating or who are not affiliated with a school may send entries directly to the DLFA for consideration.
 1. A student in this category must indicate in the appropriate space provided on the entry form that his or her school is not participating or that he or she is not affiliated with a school.
 2. A student who is entering the contest on his or her own must provide their school's name, address, and telephone number.

Entries can be made by email, on a disc, or CD, but must be saved as a PDF OR WORD file and mailed to:

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Restrictions

The Diamond Literary Festival Association's *1st Annual Discovering New Authors & Illustrators Contest* is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited.

Deadline

To be eligible all entries must be mailed or e-mailed to the Diamond Literary Festival Association, and postmarked or received by February 5, 2007. The DLFA bears no responsibility for loss or damage to entries. All entries submitted to the DLFA will become the property of the Diamond Literary Festival Association.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the executive director and founder of the DFLA Alice Jefferson: 619-641-7702 or 619-913-0626 or email: alice.jefferson@cox.net

PLEASE SEE ENTRY FORMS BELOW

Note: The entry form may be copied and distributed at the discretion of the DLFA. In addition, all other contest materials, images and written content, may be copied and distributed for educational purposes.

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Entry Form:

The entry form and release forms must be fully completed and submitted in order for an entry to be considered.

Deadline: February 5, 2007

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home address: _____ Home phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ e-mail: _____

School Name _____ Teacher _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Please check any boxes that apply:

I am entering the contest as a representative of my participating school.

I am entering the contest as an individual.

I am entering the contest as an individual because I am not affiliated with a public or private school.

Note: School information is not required for home-schooled students.

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I state as follows:

1. I have read, understand, complied with and accept the terms of the contest objectives and guidelines for the 1st Annual Discovering New Authors & Illustrators Contest (hereinafter the "Competition").
2. I warrant and represent that I personally wrote the **manuscript** I submitted to the **Competition**. I further warrant and represent that the **manuscript** I submitted has not been published before its submission to this Competition, and that any reference material I have used has been properly cited and not plagiarized.
3. I am a student, who has not graduated from high school, and I am a citizen and/or resident of the United States. I am not an employee of the Diamond Literary Festival Association (hereinafter "DLFA") or its affiliates or an immediate family member or member of the household of a DLFA or its affiliates.
4. I hereby release, discharge and hold harmless the DLFA and its successors, assigns, officers, employees and agents associated with the Contest from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, claims, settlements or judgments of any kind whatsoever, including attorneys' fees, whether in contract or in tort, arising directly or indirectly as a result of my participation in the Contest, and my acceptance and use of a prize awarded to me, if any.
5. I consent to the use of my name, biographical data, pictures, copies, portraits, photographs, voice or likeness, and the essay entered by me in the Contest in any form for editorial, advertising, promotional and trade purposes in connection with the promotion by the DLFA of this Contest and succeeding programs sponsored by the DLFA. I release the Diamond Literary Festival Association from all liabilities arising out of distortion, optical illusions or faulty mechanical reproductions of my likeness. I acknowledge that I have no right to approve the advertising or promotional materials that include my likeness or the essay submitted by me to the Contest.
6. **All contest materials may be edited, copied and distributed for educational purposes by DLFA.**
7. The Parent or Guardian Release Form on the back of this entry form has been signed by my parent or legal guardian (if applicable), stating that my parent or legal guardian has read and also accepts the same legal obligations outlined above.
8. I am 18 years of age, or if I am not 18 years of age, I have obtained the signature of my parent or legal guardian as described below.

Entrant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____

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Parent's or legal guardian's name (if entrant is under18): _____

Parent or Guardian Release Form

(To be completed by parent or guardian of entrant – for applicants under age 18.)

I, _____, hereby represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the identified entrant and that I accept the same legal obligations stated on the front in connection with this Contest, including but not limited to, the use of the minor's name, likeness and essay as stated on the front, and consent to the minor named herein accepting and receiving a prize, if any. I also hereby release, discharge and hold harmless the Diamond Literary Festival Association (DLFA) successors, assigns, officers, employees and agents associated with the Contest from and against any and all liability, loss, damage, expense, claims, settlements or judgments of any kind whatsoever, including attorneys' fees, whether in contract or in tort, which I or my heirs, executors or administrators may have arising directly or indirectly as a result of the minor's participation in the Contest and acceptance and receipt of a prize, if any.

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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