

Official Entry Form

Deadline: Friday, April 16, 2010
Attach this form to each printed entry

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Home Telephone Email Address

Title of Entry

Division
 9th and 10th grades

Name of School

11th and 12th grades

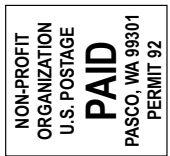
Name of School

Columbia Basin College

Category
 Poetry Fiction Creative Nonfiction

I certify that this entry is my original work and neither whole nor part of this entry has been used in any publication except in a classroom- or school-sponsored publication (e.g., a class assignment, school newspaper, etc.). I further grant license for publication on the CBC website if it is an award-winning entry. I understand that no part of my entry will be returned to me; therefore, I understand that it is my responsibility to retain a copy of my work for my own future purposes.

Signature of Applicant Date



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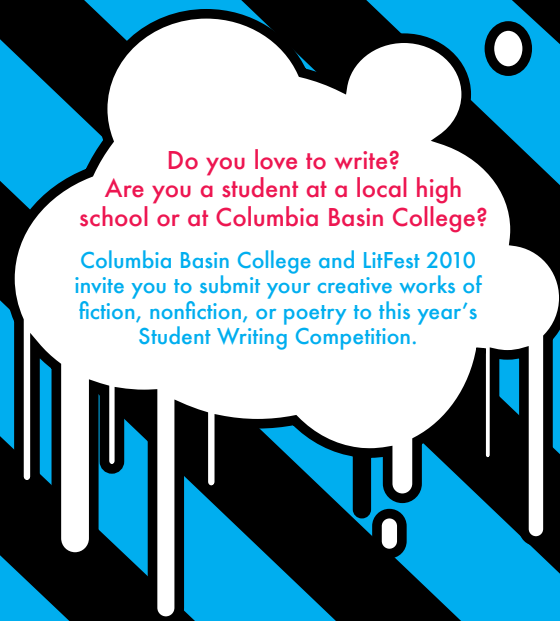


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WRITING COMPETITION



**Do you love to write?
Are you a student at a local high school or at Columbia Basin College?**

Columbia Basin College and LitFest 2010 invite you to submit your creative works of fiction, nonfiction, or poetry to this year's Student Writing Competition.

WRITING COMPETITION



Student Writing Competition Rules

Columbia Basin College and LitFest proudly announce the LitFest 2010 Student Writing Competition for 2009/2010. The three writing categories are as follows:

1. Fiction - Short Story: A work of fiction complete unto itself. It should not exceed 3,000 words.
2. Creative Nonfiction: Literary essay in the style of a personal/autobiographical narrative or an opinion/editorial commentary on an issue of significant interest. The entry should not exceed 3,000 words. NOTE: The writing must demonstrate elements of an awareness of nonfiction as a literary genre; therefore, a "traditional research paper/essay" would not be appropriate for this category.
3. Poetry: One poem or a group of poems (not necessarily related subjects), no more than four poems total, in any form of poetry (open/closed form or free verse). These will be judged on the whole entry, not a part. Poems may be typed on one page provided that short poems are not divided at the bottom of a page. The entry should not exceed 100 lines total. For purposes of submitting your entry in this category, a collection of poems counts as a single entry.

General Eligibility Requirements

- A contestant must be a student currently enrolled at the time of entry at a local high school or at Columbia Basin College during the 2009/2010 academic year and as of the April 16 deadline. Entries from full-time CBC employees are not eligible for this writing competition.
- Entries must be original, non-published work; student works from classroom or school-sponsored publications, such as a school newspaper or classroom assignments, are eligible. Only one entry per category may be submitted by each individual.
- Entries must be received by the coordinator listed on the front of this application no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010. This is the date the entries must be received by the Committee, not a postmark date. Please plan accordingly.

Specific Entry Requirements

- The manuscript should be typed in double-spaced format (except for poetry) on one side of 8 1/2 x 11 white paper.
- Each printed entry must have an Official Entry Form attached as the cover page. Entries will not be returned, so be sure to keep a copy for yourself.
- Type font should be Times-Roman 12 point, with one-inch margins on all four sides of the page.
- The title should appear on the first page of an essay or short story and above each poem. There should be no separate title page. Pages should be numbered consecutively.
- There should be no student name or other identifying marks on any page other than the Official Entry Form, which is attached as the cover page.
- If your entry is chosen as a winner, you will be asked to provide an electronic copy of your entry to facilitate publication of your entry on the CBC LitFest website.
- Entries should be addressed as follows:

LitFest Writing Competition
Columbia Basin College
Attn: Gwen James, English Dept.
MS A-14
2600 North 20th Ave
Pasco, WA 99301

Competition Awards

Cash prizes are as follows:

\$100 for first-place entries from each category in each division.
\$50 for second-place entries from each category in each division.
\$200 for one grand-prize entry selected from first-place winners of each category and division.

Judging Facts

The competition judges are full-time CBC English and Literature faculty. The decisions of the judges are final, and judges reserve the option to withhold an award in any category. Awards are given for the entry's overall merit, based on the writer's use of the elements of imaginative writing, including but not limited to: vividness of detail; development of tone, style, and voice; use of significant themes; use of literary elements appropriate to the genre (e.g., plot, imagery, dialogue, irony, lines and line breaks, etc); and the overall originality of the entry. Grammar and mechanics are also considered.

Awards and Celebration

Writing competition winners will be notified via a letter or phone call in late April and announced publicly at the May LitFest event. Winners will be invited to a pizza reception prior to the evening's reading with Chris Crutcher. Award winners must be willing to travel to the CBC Campus prior to that event to fill out the necessary paperwork for award processing. Failure to do so within 14 calendar days of being notified that you are a winner will result in delay of prizes. All entrants are invited to attend LitFest events, which are open to the public and are free of charge. For more information on LitFest, visit the Mid-Columbia Literary Festival website at:
<http://www.columbiabasin.edu/litfest>

Publication of Winning Entries

Winning entries will be published in an online format accessible from the official LitFest website: <http://www.columbiabasin.edu/litfest>

Competition Deadline

All entries must be received by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2010.

Competition Coordinator

Gwen James: 542-4709
CBC Arts and Humanities Office: 542-5531

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