



**The Dana K. Barber Writing Awards Competition Rules and Guidelines**

All Pre Kindergarten through twelfth grade students currently enrolled in a class of a teacher who has completed an Abydos/New Jersey Writing Project in Texas Three-week Institute are eligible to enter. No guest teacher or non-classroom assignment teacher's students are allowed to enter.

Student work must be postmarked by **March 15, 2019**. Winners will be announced at the Abydos Literacy Conference **April 13, 2019**, Houston, Tx. All winners will be notified prior to the conference so that they may arrange to attend. Cost of attendance is the sole responsibility of the winners. Teachers may inform the students of opportunities to submit an entry for the competition, with a limit of one entry per student in the grade-appropriate category. Teachers may not mandate that students enter the competition or otherwise pressure students to submit work. Students may voluntarily select one original, polished piece of writing to enter in the grade-appropriate category.

All entries should be in keeping with the high standards of Abydos publications. Graphic or violent content is inappropriate.

All entries must be accompanied by the completed entry form, which must contain a parent or guardian's signature. These signatures must be legible. Difficult to read forms will be disqualified.

Entries are for the following categories:

- Pre K-2 Prose
- Pre K-2 Poetry
- Grades 3-5 Prose
- Grades 3-5 Poetry
- Grades 6-8 Prose
- Grades 6-8 Poetry
- Grades 9-12 Prose
- Grades 9-12 Poetry

All entries must be the original work of the students, not a copy or imitation of the writing of another author whose work students may have read or seen on TV or in films. The writing may not come from compact discs, online/computer sources, CD-ROMS, or magazines. If pieces are discovered to be plagiarized, the original authors will be notified.

**All entries must be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, using a 12 point font (12 characters per inch).**

**Poetry entries are generally one to 200 lines.**

**Prose entries may not exceed two pages.**

Classroom teachers, parents, or others who offer assistance to students as they revise and edit their work must not inject their own ideas into the students' work. Others may only assist as they edit their pieces for spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. It is appropriate to point out gaps and inconsistencies, to ask questions that encourage students to brainstorm, to consider alternatives, and to develop their own ideas. It is not appropriate to revise, write, or generate ideas for the student.

Submissions will NOT be returned.

All entries become the property of Abydos Learning. All entries selected as winners remain the property of Abydos Learning for two years. At the end of the period, Abydos Learning retains non-exclusive publishing rights. Abydos Learning does not copyright individual works, only Abydos Learning publications in which they appear. For permission to use an Abydos Learning work in any way, please write to Abydos Learning, 23011 Northcrest Dr., Spring, Texas 77389.

Entries should be sent to:

Melanie Smith  
6606 FM 1488 Suite 105 PMB 105  
Magnolia, TX 77354

Entries must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2019**.

Group submissions will be disqualified. Each student will submit his or her own work on an individual basis.

All names and school affiliation go on the entry form. Only the title should appear on the submission. Any piece with student name and/or school name will be automatically disqualified.

All winners, once notified, will need to send an electronic copy of the winning submission to [mssmithismyteacher@yahoo.com](mailto:mssmithismyteacher@yahoo.com).

Winning submissions will be published at <http://www.dkbwritingawards.com>.

**Student Writing Entry Form**

Dana K. Barber Student Writing Awards Competition

Send all entries to: DKB Writing Awards ATTN: Melanie Smith  
6606 FM 1488 Suite 105 PMB 105  
Magnolia, TX 77354

Please print or type

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

School Phone Number: Area Code (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number: Area Code (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

NJWPT Writing Institute Attendance Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Originality**

I am submitting an original piece of writing to the Dana K. Barber Student Writing Award contest. I have not copied the work of another student in whole or part. I have not changed parts of any work from any source such as, but not limited to, compact discs, CD-ROMS, online sources, and/or printed material including magazines. I understand that such copying would be plagiarism. I further understand that if I plagiarize, I will be disqualified from the competition and Abydos/NJWPT will notify the original author, which result in legal action against me.

I promise that the work I am submitting is entirely my own work.

Submitting this work is my choice. This work is NOT being sent because of a classroom assignment.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Permission

Print Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give my permission to have my child's work submitted to the Dana K. Barber Student Writing Award competition and for my son/daughter to be photographed or video taped if he or she is an award winner. My child's writing entry may be published in an official publication of Abydos Learning.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

