

YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS Writing Competition

2012-2013

Official Rules Booklet

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ABOUT THE YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS WRITING COMPETITION

The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors (YGA) writing competition is to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, to provide a context to celebrate their writing successes, and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics.

This prestigious competition has been engaging Georgia students for more than two decades and is open to any student currently enrolled in Georgia **public** schools, grades K -12. The competition is co-sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) and the Georgia Council of Teachers of English (GCTE).

WHAT TO WRITE

Unlike many writing competitions, the YGA does not provide a prompt to which students must respond, or provide any other boundaries to their genre choice or creativity beyond a 5 page maximum length limit (if typed, 12 point font, double-spaced). Entries may include

- Short Stories
- Poetry
- Essays/Literary Criticism/Analysis
- Journalism
- Academic/Research Reports
- Personal Narratives
- Any Other Original Student Writing

HOW TO ENTER

Writings can only be entered in to the state level competition by first winning a system level competition. The DOE and the GCTE will only accept submissions sent by a system level administrator. School systems may submit ONE winning entry per grade level (K-12). Entries must be provided to us on flat, ordinary paper. No bound copies, booklets, etc., will be judged. **Please keep a copy of your submission for your records, as the DOE and GCTE will not keep or return originals after the competition.** See the following pages for specific instructions. The competition will not accept individual entries from students, parents, teachers, or other agencies. Good luck and happy writing!

SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Entries must result from a system level contest and must be submitted by a system level administrator. We regret that individual entries sent by teachers, students, or schools cannot be judged.
2. School systems may submit ONE winning entry per grade. Dual or multiple entries for any grade will be disqualified.
3. Winning entries from each school system must be received by the Georgia DOE and the GCTE no later than **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Please mail your entries with plenty of time to spare, and/or use certified or proof of delivery methods of mailing to ensure that you have met the deadline. To ensure equity, we **cannot** accept any package that arrives after 5:00 pm on Friday, April 5, 2013. Entries will be mailed to the Georgia Council of Teachers of English. **(The address for submissions will be announced in an updated version of this booklet and on our website before January 1, 2013.)**
4. Judging will be conducted by the Executive Board of Directors of the Georgia Council of Teachers of English and their appointed committee of English Language Arts professionals. Judges do not have access to other judge's scores, nor are they aware of the name of the student or school of origin.
6. The state level winners will be announced on or before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 17, 2013 on the Georgia DOE English Language Arts website at
<http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Curriculum-and-Instruction/Pages/English-Language-Arts-Program.aspx>

and on the website for the Georgia Council of Teachers of English at

<http://www.gcte.net/home.html>

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries must be prepared using the following guidelines:
 - a. a completed **entry form**
 - b. the original **student work** and one **copy** of the original student work
 - c. the original student work and the copy must have the name of the student and student's school **removed**
 - d. record the student's initials, grade, and system number at top and center of **each page** of the original and copy in the following manner:

CAE Grade RESA District # (see attached list)
 - e. Please remember to submit the original AND a copy. **Use paper clips and binder clips instead of staples**
2. To advance in the competition, the entry form **must be COMPLETE, including signatures of the student, the teacher, the parent/guardian, and the designated system level administrator.** Incomplete entry forms will be eliminated from the competition. *Please review your form carefully! Signatures are often missing, and without these permissions we CANNOT include the student's work in the competition process.*
3. Entries must be the students' **original work** (this includes all edits and revisions) and must be typed or handwritten on 8.5x11 inch paper (exceptions may be made for grades K and 1). **Print on one side of the paper only.**
4. **The maximum length is 5 pages.** If typed, font must be no smaller than 12 point and writing must be doubled spaced.
5. Dictated stories cannot be accepted. Do not bind, make a cover for, decorate, laminate, or otherwise alter the original paper on which the entry is written.
6. Once received by the committee, the original work **will not be returned.** Please keep a copy before you submit the work.
7. Questions (do not mail entries to Annette Eger):
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FOR SYSTEM COORDINATORS

1. Send all system level winners in the same packet.
2. Send only ONE winner per grade
3. Label the top and center of each entry page (original and copy) with the student's initials, grade, and system number.
4. Use the table provided on page 6 to create a cover page for your system entries.

**YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS WRITING COMPETITION
2012-2013 ENTRY FORM**

All entries must be **COMPLETE** and **LEGIBLE** and must be **received** by 4/5/13

School System: _____

System Level Administrator Contact: _____
Name Title/Position

System Level Administrator Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title of Student Work: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Parent or Guardian

Student Home Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box City Zip

School Contact (teacher/principal): _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

By signing below I affirm that I give my permission for the work of the above named student author, for whom I am the parent/guardian, to be entered into the Young Georgia Author's Writing Competition, and for that work to be shared and/or published by the Georgia Department of Education and/or the Georgia Council of Teachers of English for non-profit purposes.

Parent/Guardian Date

By signing below I affirm that I am a system level administrator and am coordinating the entry of all winning student work from this system for the 2012-2013 Young Georgia Authors Competition. I affirm that the work of the above named student author has been chosen to represent this system for the grade level indicated.

Student Date

By signing below I affirm this writing entry is my own original, unassisted work, and that I agree to have my work entered into the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition to represent my grade for my local school system.

System Level Administrator Contact: Date

- * Unsigned or incomplete forms will cause the attached entry to be disqualified.
- * Attach this completed form to the top of each student entry, along with one photocopy of the entry. Be sure to remove the student's name and school from the entry itself. Be sure to label the top of each page of the entry with the student's initials, grade bracket, and school system number. Please make a copy of the entry before submitting. Entries will not do be returned.

YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS WRITING COMPETITION SYSTEM LEVEL ENTRY COVER SHEET

School System: _____

RESA District _____

Administrator Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

*Note: It is not required that an entry be submitted for every grade. Please place all submissions from your school system in a single package. **Each** piece of student work submitted must include the original and one photocopy of the work with the student and school/system name removed. Centered at the top of each original and copy, please print the student's initials, grade level, and RESA number. Attach a fully completed entry form. Please use paper clips and binder clips instead of staples to compile packages. Include this coversheet with your package when all work is assembled.*

Grade	SCHOOL	STUDENT NAME	TITLE OF WORK
K			
1			
2			
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All entries must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by Friday, April 5, 2013
Incomplete entries will be disqualified
Entries without required signatures will be disqualified
Student work will not be returned - Remember to keep copies

RESA # RESA DISTRICTS

1. **Central Savannah River Area RESA** – Serves: Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, and Wilkes Counties.
2. **Chattahoochee Flint RESA** – Serves: Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, and Webster Counties.
3. **Coastal Plains RESA** – Serves: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, and Turner Counties; Valdosta City.
4. **First District RESA** – Serves: Appling, Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Glynn, Jeff Davis, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, and Wayne Counties; Vidalia City.
5. **Griffin RESA** – Serves: Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Pike, Spalding, and Thomaston-Upson Counties.
6. **Heart of Georgia RESA** – Serves: Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, and Wilcox Counties; Dublin City.
7. **Metro RESA** – Serves: Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, and Rockdale Counties; Atlanta, Buford, Decatur, and Marietta Cities.
8. **Middle Georgia RESA** – Serves: Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Monroe, Peach, and Twiggs Counties.
9. **North Georgia RESA** – Serves: Cherokee, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens, and Whitfield Counties; Dalton City.
10. **Northeast Georgia RESA** – Serves: Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton Counties; Commerce, Jefferson, and Social Circle Cities.
11. **Northwest Georgia RESA** – Serves: Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Paulding, Polk and Walker Counties; Bremen, Calhoun, Cartersville, Chickamauga, Rome and Trion Cities.
12. **Oconee RESA** – Serves: Baldwin, Hancock, Jasper, Johnson, Putnam, Washington, and Wilkinson Counties.
13. **Okefenokee RESA** – Serves: Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce, and Ware Counties.
14. **Pioneer RESA** – Serves: Banks, Dawson, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, and White Counties; Gainesville City.
15. **Southwest Georgia RESA** – Serves: Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, and Worth Counties; Pelham and Thomasville Cities.
16. **West Georgia RESA** – Serves: Carroll, Coweta, Harris, Heard, Meriwether, and Troup Counties; Carrollton City.