

NOMINATIONS OPEN!

Weekly Reader's Student Publishing Awards

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

A total of six awards will be presented—three awards for overall student publications, and three for an individual piece of student nonfiction writing. Winners will be chosen in elementary, middle, and high school categories.

1. WHOLE PUBLICATION: All student publications—newspapers, magazines, literary magazines that include nonfiction—are eligible for the “best student publication” award.

Each publication will be judged on its overall quality, which begins with good writing and design and includes timeliness and service to the community. The main criteria used in judging each entry include the following:

- crisp, clear, interesting writing;
- engaging display type (headlines, decks, pull quotes);
- clean, attractive layout of pages; effective use of photos and illustrations;
- consistent use of grammatical principles.

Judges will also take into account whether the publication includes a variety of voices; attempts to reflect diversity of opinion; and presents information accurately and fairly.

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

2. INDIVIDUAL STUDENT WRITING: The Student Publishing Awards celebrate the fact that everyone has a story, and these individual awards honor student writing that tells a true story in an accurate and exciting way. Any piece of nonfiction writing between 500 and 2,500 words is eligible. **The article or essay need not have been published.** Each entry will be judged according to the following criteria:

- crisp writing, accurate information, and a compelling narrative
- engaging opening paragraph
- proper grammar and principles of good writing and/or reporting
- rich use of language
- satisfying ending

An individual piece of student writing must be nonfiction (for example, a memoir, an essay, or a reported story about a news event). The entry need not come directly from the school, but an adult (teacher, parent, or guardian) must sign the entry form.



For an entry form—and more information—visit www.weeklyreader.com/teachers/aep
ENTRY DEADLINE: March 14, 2008



Weekly Reader's 2008 Student Publishing Awards

Honoring Outstanding Student Nonfiction Writing

ENTRY FORM

CONTEST RULES

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

ELIGIBILITY

Entries must be student writing produced between Jan. 1, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2007.

Students and teachers may submit more than one entry in the following categories:

- 1. individual student writing
- 2. whole publication

In each of the two categories, Weekly Reader will select a winner at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. There will be a total of six winners.

If your publication includes a Web site, please provide the URL.

FEES AND DEADLINES

A fee of \$40 per entry is required. No entries will be processed without payment. Checks should be made payable to AEP. **All entries should be postmarked by March 14, 2008.** Entries post-marked after that date will not be accepted unless accompanied by an additional \$15 fee (for a total of \$55). No entry will be accepted with a postmark later than March 28, 2008.

PRIZES

Each winning whole publication will be awarded a \$500 check (payable to the school) and a plaque. In addition, a Weekly Reader editor will visit each winner's school. Teacher sponsors of winning entries 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; for middle and high schools, choices include READ, and Current Events magazines.)

Each winner of an individual student writing award will receive a check for \$500, payable to the student. In addition, Weekly Reader will publish (or republish) the 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 for Educational Publishers luncheon in June in Washington, D.C.

Type of Entry:

- Individual Student Writing
- Whole Publication

Category 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 component? If so, indicate url _____

School name _____

Address _____

Phone (including area code) _____

Student name _____

Teacher name _____

Teacher e-mail _____

Signature of teacher/principal/parent/guardian _____

For each entry, submit three copies along with a completed entry form. Each individual student article or whole publication is considered a separate entry. Please mail this form accompanied by full payment. **No entries will be considered without payment.**

Mail to: The Association of Educational Publishers, Attn: Weekly Reader Student Publishing Awards, 510 Heron Drive, Suite 201, Logan Township, NJ 08085. All entries must be postmarked by March 14, 2008. (Late entries will be accepted through March 28 for an additional fee; see details at left.)

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