



Do You Like to Write?

**Consider entering your favorite poem or short story in the
RANDOM HOUSE BOOK FAIR STUDENT WRITING CONTEST
To Benefit the Carroll Community College Foundation**

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY:

Carroll County students in grades 1 through 12 are eligible to enter a previously unpublished short story and/or poem. Each entry may have only one author and *one entry per author may be submitted for each category.*

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

1. Entries must be the student's original work. Editing assistance (spelling, punctuation, etc.) may be provided by peers or adults, but revisions should be student generated and the final written product must be the student's own.
 - A. All entries must be typed in **Times New Roman** with a **font size of 12** and **double-spaced lines**. Each entry must be ready for publication.
 - B. Short story/non-fiction entries will have a **maximum word count of 900** (approximately 2 pages). Entries over the maximum word count of 900 will not be accepted.
 - C. No entries will be accepted with illustrations.

Entries must include the completed required **Cover Sheet (on reverse)** signed by the student author & their parent. You may make copies of the cover sheet, obtain additional copies at www.carrollcc.edu/foundation/events/bookfair, or contact Barbara Burke at Carroll Community College at (410) 386-8019.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

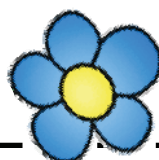
1. The entry meets all of the above criteria.
2. The story reflects the author's creativity, use of language and appropriate short story/non-fiction structure.
3. The poem reflects compact and creative use of language and imagery.

DEADLINE:

Entries must be submitted to the Carroll Community College Foundation by Friday, **November 13, 2009.**

WINNERS:

There will be first, second, and third place winners for each category - short story and poetry. Winners will be notified in **January 2010**. Winning selections will be published by Random House and the publication will be distributed at the Book Fair on Saturday, March 6, 2010.





Random House Book Fair Student Writing Contest

Cover Sheet (Please Print)

Student's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

School: _____

2009/10 Grade: _____ Please check one: Poem: _____ Short Story: _____

Title: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Permission has been granted to publish my child's winning entry.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

IMPORTANT:

Your short story or poem must be mailed to Carroll Community College and postmarked by Friday, **November 13, 2009**. Please complete this cover sheet and attach it to your work. If you enter more than one piece of writing, **complete a cover sheet for each**. Entries will not be returned. Winners will be notified in January 2010. **All winning entries must be furnished in electronic format via e-mail in order for writing to be published.** Winners will be contacted and provided with specific instructions at that time.

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