

**Writers 4 A Purpose
Middle School Writing Contest
Permission Form**

If you submit your work to the Writers 4 A Purpose Middle School Writing Contest, you must agree to these terms. Your parent/guardian must also agree to them. These terms will be a binding agreement once you and your parent or guardian agree to them, so please read them carefully.

Scoring Criteria

Pieces will be evaluated according to the following categories:

- CREATIVITY/ORIGINALITY
- STYLE
- READER ENGAGEMENT
- CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

Topics

Pieces may be written on ANY topic.

(However, they cannot include excessive violence, profanity, or positive references to sex, drugs, or alcohol.)

Eligibility

To participate in this contest, you must be a student in grades 6-8.

Use

Students who submit works to this contest will retain any intellectual property rights they have in their works. This includes copyright. This means, you can submit the same work you submit to us to other scholarship programs or contests, keep the work in your portfolio, and license it to others for non-exclusive publication.

Writers 4 A Purpose needs to be able to do certain things with the students' works, such as copying, editing, and displaying them to process and judge submissions, award prizes, and publicize winning entries. To do these things, we need permission from you. So, when you submit your work, you give Writers 4 A Purpose permission to use your work in a wide variety of ways without further permission or approval from you. Formally, this means you grant Writers 4 A Purpose permission to use, copy, change, publish, exhibit, or add to your work. Writers 4 A Purpose can use your work in any media, including online.

You also give us permission to use your name and submitted work. We will give you credit when we use your submission in a public way. Also, if we mistakenly do not give you credit in any given situation, if you let us know, we will try to correct that for similar uses in the future.

We will not license your work to others to publish the work under their name for their own commercial gain.

Copyright & Plagiarism

All work submitted to Writers 4 A Purpose must be original, meaning you create the work based on your own ideas. By submitting your piece, you agree that you created it and did not copy it from any other person, business, school, or organization. Any work that infringes upon anyone's intellectual property rights will be disqualified.

Disqualification

Any piece that violates copyright/plagiarism regulations or does not meet the requirements set forth by Writers 4 A Purpose will be subject to disqualification.

If you agree to the terms outlined in this document, please complete the form below.

Name of Student: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School Attended: _____

Title of Piece: _____

Word Count (short story or personal essay) or Number of Lines (poetry only)

Submission Category (circle one)

short story

poetry

personal essay

Name of Participant (print)

Signature of Participant

Date

Name of Parent/Guardian (print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date