

2017 APPLICATION FORM

FOR NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Poetry/spoken word, fiction, drama, personal essay/memoir and graphic novel entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 3, 2017. (Incomplete applications will not be considered)



Please print or type:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Age	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)
Student's Home Address	Apt.#	City	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address	Student Home Telephone		Student Cell Phone	
School (Full name no abbreviations)	Grade		Expected High School Graduation Date	
School Address	City		State	
School Borough	Zip Code		School Telephone	
*Teacher/Sponsor Name	Teacher/Sponsor Telephone			

*NOTE: Sponsor can be an instructor/counselor from an outside organization, such as a youth or after school program.

Title of Entry: _____
Brief Description of Entry: _____

Type of Entry:

- Personal Essay/Memoir Poetry Spoken Word* Fiction & Drama Graphic Novel (submitted by one student) Graphic Novel (submitted by two students)✓

♦ If you are submitting a spoken word composition, please email typed entry together with audio file.

✓ If two or more students are submitting a graphic novel, attach all student applications to entry and mail as directed.

Did You Remember Everything?

(Please check all that apply)

Application form with ALL signatures.

Literature Entry
(double spaced, typed and No Longer than 10 Pages)

Audio file for spoken word entries.

Completed artwork for graphic novel entries.

(You may submit only one entry to the competition)

I represent and warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the student submitting this registration form and that the student is not related to anyone who works for Penguin Random House or its divisions, subsidiaries or affiliates. I hereby give my permission for this student to enter this competition and state this entry is an entirely original work created solely by this student, and that this student is no older than 21 years of age. Please Note: Applications may be photocopied if necessary

Parent/Guardian

Signature

Date

WE CERTIFY THAT THIS ENTRY IS AN ORIGINAL WORK CREATED SOLELY BY THE STUDENT(S) NAMED HEREIN.

Student

Signature

Date

Teacher/Sponsor

E-mail

Telephone

Signature

Date

How Did You Find Out About the Program? (Please check one)

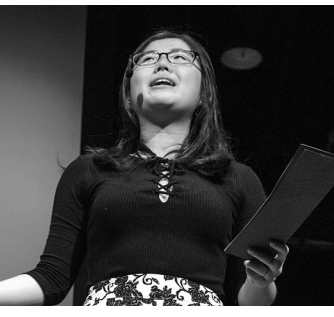
- English Teacher Art Teacher Principal College Advisor
 Website Newspaper Poster at School Workshop at School
 Community Org. (_____) Other (_____)

E-MAIL OR MAIL ENTRY & APPLICATION TO:

Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards
c/o Scholarship Management Services
One Scholarship Way, St. Peter, MN 56082

or email to: creativewriting@penguinrandomhouse.com

All judging will be under the supervision of a specially selected panel of judges. The decision of the judges will be final. In the event there is an insufficient number of entries in any category which meet the minimum standards established by the judges, Penguin Random House reserves the right not to award any prize. Winners agree to the use by Penguin Random House or any of its subsidiaries or divisions of their names, addresses, likenesses, photographs and entries for promotional and similar purposes without further compensation or notification. Winners are solely responsible for any applicable state, federal or other taxes. Penguin Random House cannot be held responsible for lost, late or misdirected mail. No entries will be returned.



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Creative Writing Awards

For NYC Public High School Seniors

WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY MATTERS.

Thousands of students just like you have created stories, poems and personal essays for this program giving many a head start on their future and giving all of them a place to be heard. Since 1993, Random House has given away over \$2 million dollars in scholarships through this competition. With scholarships available to only NYC High School Seniors, what do you have to say?

WHO CAN ENTER?

Applicants must be 12th-grade New York City public high school students graduating spring 2017, age 21 years and under. (Family members, employees of Bertelsmann, Penguin Random House, its subsidiaries, divisions or affiliates are ineligible.)

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED?

1st Place \$10,000 – Four Scholarship Awards

Four entries chosen citywide: poetry/spoken word, fiction/drama, personal essay/memoir and graphic novel.

2nd Place \$5,000 – Four Scholarship Awards

Four entries chosen citywide: poetry/spoken word, fiction/drama, personal essay/memoir and graphic novel.

3rd Place \$2,500 – Four Scholarship Awards

Four entries chosen citywide: poetry/spoken word, fiction/drama, personal essay/memoir and graphic novel.

Best Of Borough \$1,000 – Twenty Scholarship Awards

One entry chosen per category from each borough: poetry/spoken word, fiction/drama, personal essay/memoir and graphic novel.

Artist Recognition Awards \$500 – Fifteen Scholarship Awards

Three entries chosen from each borough from any of the categories.

Honorable Mention Awards – Seventy-Five Creativity Kits

Three entries chosen per category from each borough: Students will receive inspirational gifts from Penguin Random House.

Scholarship awards will be made by Penguin Random House to your choice of post-secondary educational institution. All awards will be paid during the year of 2017 and cannot be deferred beyond one year. If the winning entry in the graphic novel category has been submitted by a team, the scholarship award will be divided equally among the team members.

WHEN/HOW WILL THE WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED?

Winners will be announced and posted on the Penguin Random House website, www.penguinrandomhouse.com/creativewriting, by June 1, 2017.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Fill out this application form and send it to Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards c/o Scholarship America with your entry attached OR download this application form from foundation.penguinrandomhouse.com/creativewriting and email the application form and entry to creativewriting@penguinrandomhouse.com by February 3, 2017.

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TOP AWARDS INCLUDE:

\$10,000 Maya Angelou Scholarship Award for Spoken Word Poetry

\$10,000 Scholarship Award for Fiction

\$10,000 Scholarship Award for Personal Essay/Memoir

\$10,000 Scholarship Award for Poetry

\$10,000 Scholarship Award for Graphic Novel

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

All entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 3, 2017 and mailed to Scholarship America or emailed to Creativewriting@penguinrandomhouse.com before midnight February 3, 2017.

CRITERIA

Literary compositions are judged by their technical merit; however, artistic expression is our core criterion. We are looking for writing with a strong, clear voice by authors who are daring, original and unafraid to take risks. Graphic novels are judged on the same criteria as well as storytelling, character design, artistic style, design and layout.

WHAT ARE THE GENERAL RULES AND CRITERIA?

1. You must be a high school senior attending a New York City public high school to enter the competition.
2. Your original literary composition must be submitted in one of the following genres: poetry/spoken word, OR fiction/drama, OR personal essay/memoir OR graphic novel (a novel, usually in comics form, where the narrative is related through a combination of text and art, i.e. manga).
3. All submissions must be typed, double-spaced, and no longer than ten pages with a minimum font size of 12 point and not double sided. All pages must also be numbered. A four-page minimum is recommended in the fiction/drama category. There is no minimum for the other categories. Please number multiple page submissions and total amount of pages Ex: 1/3, 2/3, 3/3 etc.
4. No handwritten entries.
5. No photos or drawings, unless it's a graphic novel submission.
6. No college essays, book reports, myths or legends.
7. Photocopies are acceptable if legible and printed on good-quality white (not gray) paper. Original art accepted for graphic novel category, but since no submissions are returned, it is suggested that very clean color copies be submitted.
8. You may submit only one entry to the competition.
9. Graphic novel submissions may be entered by a single student or a team of two or more students.
10. Foreign language submissions and previously published or awarded material will not be accepted.
11. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL WORKS. NO PLAGIARISM, NO COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT.

WHOM DO I CALL WITH QUESTIONS?

Call Penguin Random House at (212) 782-9348, or visit our website at foundation.penguinrandomhouse.com/creativewriting for tips on getting started and developing your ideas. You can also ask your English teacher or art teacher for support and assistance.

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“Be brave enough to express what everyone knows
but no one will say.”

—Alyssa Baylor, Best of Borough Winner - Poetry, Brooklyn Technical High School