



Missouri Writing Region

2009 Scholastic Writing Awards Contest

Affiliate of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers

What do Truman Capote, Frances Farmer, John Lithgow, Joyce Maynard, Bernard Malamud, Joyce Carol Oates, Sylvia Plath, and Robert Redford have in common? They received Scholastic Contest Awards as teenagers for their creative work.



Encourage your students, grades 7 – 12, to participate in The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Contest of 2009. Visit www.artandwriting.org for

- Submission guidelines and contest entry forms (**2009 forms available online October 1; Missouri entries due: Wednesday, December 10, 2008**)
- Virtual galleries of past award-winning art and writing;
- Information about winners' exhibitions, publications, and scholarships.

**New Deadline:
Wednesday, January 7, 2008**

Missouri Region winners and their teachers will be honored at the 2009 Write-to-Learn Conference in Osage Beach, MO, on Friday, February 27, where winning writings will be displayed. Missouri student winners will receive

- Gold Key, Silver Key, or Honorable Mention awards and certificates;
- Copy of *The Best Teen Writing of 2008: Selected national award recipients from The Scholastic Awards of 2008*;
- Recognition from Write-to-Learn Keynote Chris Crutcher and an autographed copy of a Crutcher novel or another featured speaker's book.

All Missouri Region winning entries will be published online—with listings by students' names, by teachers' names, and by students' schools. Missouri Gold Key winners' work will also be judged for national awards and scholarships, with national winners honored during Scholastic's National Celebration Events in New York in June 2009.

Questions?

Email us at scholastic@missouriwestern.edu OR visit our Missouri Writing Region website at www.missouriwestern.edu/scholastic

We look forward to seeing creative work from your classroom in The 2009 Scholastic Writing Awards Contest of Missouri!

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