



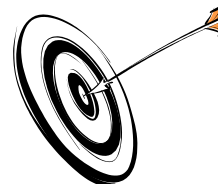
**NORTHFIELD ELEMENTARY  
2016-2017 YOUNG AUTHORS' CONTEST GUIDELINES  
STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Students in **Grades 2 through 5** are eligible to enter a previously unsubmitted short story and/or poem written within the 2016-2017 school year. Each entry may have only one author and only one entry per author may be submitted for each category.

**CONTEST GUIDELINES:**

- + Entries must be the student's **original work**. Peers or adults may provide editing assistance (spelling, punctuation, etc.), but revisions should be student-generated and the final product must be the student's own work.
- + All entries must be submitted in a **word processing file** with no less than **12 point** font using either **Times New Roman or Comic Sans** font.
- + Each short story entry may range from 300 to 800 words for elementary submissions and no more than three typed pages.
- + Each poem entry will consist of a single poem, which may be any style a range from 25 to 150 words for elementary submissions.
- + Entries must **not** include graphics.
- + **Yes, you can!** You may submit both a poem and a story in this contest.
- + **Do not put your name on your story or poem.** (Your name and information is on the attached Cover Sheet)
- + Please **paper clip** your entry and cover sheet together. Do not staple them.
- + All entries must include a **completed cover sheet signed by the student author, parent, and sponsoring teacher.**



A winning story and poem will be selected per grade level. The first place winners will be submitted to the Howard County Level competition in January.

The Howard County Reading Council will announce the County winners. These winners will then go on to participate in the State of Maryland Young Authors' Contest. Winners at the State level will be notified by mail.

The Howard County winners will be invited to Barnes and Noble to read their pieces on Reading Day. In addition, winners, their parents, and their teachers, will be invited to attend an Awards Ceremony at the Howard County Board of Education.

**All entries are due: December 16, 2016**

**GOOD LUCK!**