

Who is eligible?

Any student educated in a public, private, or home school environment, in a grade equivalent to the grade levels for U.S. junior high/middle school or high school, is eligible to enter **EPIC's New Voices Writing Competition**.

Entries may be written for the contest or be from a school assignment. There is **NEVER** any entry fee, but all entries must be written in American or Queen's English.

Each entrant may enter no more than one (1) entry from each category, equaling a maximum of three (3) entries per person.

EPIC's New Voices Writing Competition opens for submissions each year on Aug. 1st. The deadline for entries is midnight, Oct. 20th.



EPIC's Judges consist of educational and/or publishing professionals: teachers, librarians, editors, publishers, and published authors. The New Voices judges give commentary on every entry, offering entrants constructive insight about their writing.

Categories and Age Groups:

Middle School writers (Ages 11-14) Grades 6th through 8th

Short Story (Fiction)

All genres are accepted, no more than 750 words in length.

Poetry

All themes and forms are accepted, no more than 20 lines in length.

Essay (Non-fiction)

Any non-fiction form is eligible (including articles), no more than 750 words in length.

High School writers (Ages 15-18) Grades 9th through 12th/13th

Short Story (Fiction)

All genres are accepted, no more than 1000 words in length.

Poetry

All themes and forms are accepted, no more than 30 lines in length.

Essay (Non-fiction)

Any non-fiction form is eligible (including articles), no more than 1000 words in length.

NOTE: New Voices will NOT accept entries containing profane language, or of any sexually explicit or libelous nature.

Prizes:

Our prizes vary from year to year, ranging from an e-book reader or PDA, gift certificates, and check/money order.

Winners are chosen from each age group (Middle School and High School) and each category (Essay, Poetry, and Short Story).

There are Grand Prize winners, 1st through 3rd place, Awards for Excellence, Honorary Awards, and Judges' Choice Awards.

Winning entries are published in EPIC's annual New Voices Anthology and a printed version, containing one CD version, is shipped to each winner as well as their school's library. Extra copies of the annual printed New Voices Anthology may be purchased **at cost** (plus s/h) directly from EPIC.

Each year students are invited to EPIC's annual conference (with adult supervision), where they have the opportunity to meet industry professionals and learn more about e-books – one of EPIC's favorite topics. They are invited to a very special luncheon to honor New Voices winners and entrants.

Winners will receive their awards and certificates. Non-attending winners' prizes and certificates are shipped after EPIC's annual convention.

EPIC, The Electronically Published Internet Connection, provides a strong voice for electronic publishing. Our global membership consists of e-book and print authors, publishers, editors, cover artists and industry professionals.

Viewpoints are rapidly changing in the publishing industry and our school systems regarding e-publishing. EPIC's members have been on the forefront of the literacy fight, speaking at schools and conferences, encouraging evocative and expressive writing from young writers.

EPIC established **The New Voices Competition** to encourage reading and writing within schools systems and libraries.

This contest is an opportunity to educate young writers on the e-publishing world, as well as the variety and versatility of e-books. It urges up-and-coming authors to spread their wings, offering the possibility of turning dreams into reality.

EPIC has welcomed talented entrants from all parts of the globe and now seeks your help in promoting our writing competition.

Help us so that we can continue to offer these young authors the opportunity to fly. We ask that teachers evaluate our writing competition, utilizing it as part of their annual curriculum. Students are welcome to enter short stories, poems, and essays written as class assignments, or pieces written specifically for our competition.

EPIC believes that by stimulating minds, encouraging reading and writing, we can help change the world.

Challenge your students to push themselves, explore their world, expand their horizons, tickle their imagination, express themselves.

Hop on board the New Voices Contest Caravan!

Our children are not only the readers and writers of the future; they are the **VOICE** of the future.

EPIC offers that voice a place and time.

**Here is that place.
Now is their time.**



For **free downloads of past anthologies**, and more information about EPIC's exciting **New Voices Writing Competition**, please visit the EPIC's New Voices page at: epicauthors.com/newvoices.html



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