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**FROM: JOANNA L, NEWMAN, SUPERVISOR
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

TO: TEACHERS

RE: "SLWP WRITES!" CONTESE

Please see the attached brochure regarding the "*SLWP WRITES!*" contest, sponsored by the Southeastern Louisiana University Writing Project. Students in grades 6 through 12 are eligible to submit original fiction, nonfiction, and/or poetry. Deadline for entering the contest is May 1, 2009.

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"SLWP Writes!" Contest

The Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project (SLWP) is proud to announce its first annual "*SLWP Writes!*" writing contest for young authors. The contest is open to students from grades 6 through 12. Teachers are encouraged to submit worthy samples of their students' work, or students may submit directly. Students may submit multiple entries.

Contest guidelines and awards are outlined on the following flyer. Please post this flyer in teachers' lounges and on student bulletin boards.

The Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project is part of the Louisiana Writing Project, a network of five university-based National Writing Project sites. Each site seeks to improve writing instruction by sharing the best practice of the outstanding writing instructors of all disciplines from kindergarten through college. The National Writing Project is a 30-year professional-development initiative based on teachers teaching teachers and is currently active in all 50 states.

The "SLWP Writes!" contest is open for entries through May 1, 2009 in all schools in Livingston, Tangipahoa, St. Tammany, St. Helena, Washington, and East St. John parishes as well as at schools in surrounding parishes where SLWP teachers teach. Judging is done by SLWP Writing Project teacher-consultants. Winners will be notified by May 15, 2009 and automatically entered into the "Louisiana Writes" statewide contest, which also presents medals, cash, and an anthology at a gala event at the Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge in the Fall.

For contest questions or further information on the *SLWP Writes! Contest*, e-mail Terry O'Mara, SLWP Continuity Coordinator, at <towrite24@yahoo.com>.

For further information on the statewide *Louisiana Writes! Contest*, contact: Louisiana Writes! Young Writer's Contest, Louisiana Writing Project, Margaret Simon, Contest Chairman, Send entries to: Margaret Simon, # 3 Duperier Oaks, New Iberia, LA. 70563. E-mail: lawpwrites@yahoo.com

If interested in finding out more about SLWP, the Louisiana Writing Project Network, or becoming a teacher-consultant for the Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project, e-mail Dr. Richard Louth, SLWP Director, at rlouth@selu.edu.

SLWP Writes! Contest

Sponsored by the Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project
For Student Writers

Categories

Prose: Fiction or Nonfiction, 1500 word limit

Poetry: Up to 3 poems, max. 100 lines total may be sent

Grade Level Divisions

Division I: 6th- 9th grades

Division II: 10th-12th grades

Awards

Prizes awarded to top submissions in each category and grade level to include:

Certificates

Publication by SLWP

Automatic entry into LAWP statewide *LA Writes!* contest

Guidelines for Submission

Prose entries—typed, double-spaced, titled, max 1500 words

Poetry entries—typed, double or single spaced, titled, one poem/page, 100 lines total

For judging to remain anonymous, do not put author's name on the submission

Each submission for *SLWP Writes! Contest* must include a signed entry form

Submit Electronic Copy along with Hard Copy

Email electronic copy when you send your hard copy with signed entry form

Electronic copy should be a "doc" or "rtf" attachment (not "docx")

Also paste copy into text of email.

Email to: slwpwrites@yahoo.com

Deadline to receive hard copy, signed entry form AND emailed copy: **May 1, 2009**

Notification of winners by **May 15, 2009**

SLWP Writes! winners' entries are forwarded to *Louisiana Writes!* Contest sponsored by the Louisiana Writing Project Network (LAWP) May 15 deadline. Notification of *Louisiana Writes!* winners by Sept. 1. *Louisiana Writes* winners are published in an anthology, and invited to an event during the Louisiana Book Festival. For further information on the associated LAWP *Louisiana Writes!* Contest or to submit directly to it, contact: *Louisiana Writes!* Young Writer's Contest, Louisiana Writing Project Margaret Simon, Contest Chairman, Send entries to: Margaret Simon, # 3 Duperier Oaks, New Iberia, LA. 70563. E-mail: lawpwrites@yahoo.com

Send hard copy of *SLWP Writes!* Entry form and Submission to:
SLWP Writes! c/o Dr. Richard Louth, SLU 10327, Hammond, LA 70402

Also make sure to send electronic copy to slwpwrites@yahoo.com

**Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project
SLWP Writes! Youth Writing Contest**

***Entry/ Release form: Use separate form for each entry submitted
Must be received by May 1, 2009***

Student's Name _____
Title of entry _____
Grade level _____ Category: Poetry Prose (Fiction or Nonfiction)
Home mailing address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home telephone number _____
Email of student and/or parent: _____

Teacher's name _____
School _____
School address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email of teacher: _____

Pledge of originality: I declare that the work I am submitting to the SLWP Writes! Contest is my own original work.

Student's signature _____

Release form:

I hereby grant to the Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project and the Louisiana Writing Project Network the nonexclusive right and permission in respect of the original writing I have submitted to the *SLWP Writes!* contest, to use, publish, and otherwise reproduce this work and to use my child's name to identify the author of this work in connection with my participation in the *SLWP Writes!* contest. I understand that any use of this submitted work will include my child's name as its creator. In any of the winning categories, the Southeastern Louisiana Writing Project maintains the right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no work of merit is found. Also, I authorize the *SLWP Writes!* contest to forward my entry to the statewide *Louisiana Writes! Contest* if it is a winning entry in the *SLWP Writes!* contest. Non-winning entries of the *SLWP Writes!* contest will not be forwarded to the *Louisiana Writes Contest*; however, I understand that I may send my work, on my own, to the *Louisiana Writes Contest* whether it wins or does not win the *SLWP Writes!* contest.

I, _____, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor.

For Further Information, deadline, and entry form for LAWP's Louisiana Writes! Contest:

Louisiana Writes! Young Writer's Contest, Louisiana Writing Project
Margaret Simon, # 3 Duperier Oaks, New Iberia, LA. 70563. E-mail: lawpwrites@yahoo.com

**Mail this entry form along with submission, by May 1, to:
SLWP Writes! C/o Dr. Richard Louth, SLU 10327, Hammond, LA 70402**

***Also send an electronic copy of submission to slwpwrites@yahoo.com**