

Contests! for Children & Teens

American Veteran Essay Project

Complete information and details at <http://www.americanvetpowerof1.com/>.

Deadline: October 15, 2009

Prize: Mission Quest: 2010 summer camp experience at Warner Robins Museum of Aviation (www.museumofaviation.org)
\$50 cash prize

Teens who want to enter a story in the project should write about a veteran that served from WWII or any period through the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. The essay should be written about a veteran who exhibited the ability to be a role model and explore how that person has shown the "power of one" by making a difference in the lives of others.

National Novel Writing Month

Complete information and details at <http://ywp.nanowrimo.org/aboutwriters>.

Deadline: November 1 - November 30, 2009

Sign up at ywp.nanowrimo.org, and then on November 1, 2009 begin writing your novel on your computer or on paper. Your goal is to write a novel by midnight on November 30. Write like crazy for thirty days. If you reach your word-count goal by deadline you will be added to our hallowed Winner's Page, and receive an awesome winner's certificate and web icon. Win or lose, you rock for even trying.

Next Step Super Teens Contests

Complete information, details, and application form at <http://www.nextstepmagazine.com/nextstep/super-teens.aspx>.

Deadline: November 27, 2009

Prize: YOU on the *Next Step* Magazine Super Teens cover!

Do you volunteer? Maintain a job? Have a stellar GPA or are otherwise amazing? From the class presidents to the unsung heroes, *Next Step* can't wait to meet you. Send in your application and picture today, and wait for the fame to roll in. This contest is open to all students who will be in high school in the 2009-10 school year.

Dream Quest One Poetry & Writing Contest

Complete information and rules at <http://www.dreamquestone.com/>.

Deadline: December 31, 2009

Prize: Writing Contest: \$500.00, \$250.00, \$100.00

Poetry Contest: \$250.00, \$125.00, \$50.00

The Mission of Dream Quest One Poetry & Writing Contest is to inspire, motivate and encourage anyone who has the desire or love of poetry and writing, to continue doing so without the fear of failure or success! And remember, in whatever you do, "it's okay to dream," for dreams do come true. There is a fee for submitting your writing to this contest. Anyone may enter this contest, and all entries must be original works.

Oh! The Places You'll Go! College Scholarship Program

Complete information and details at <http://origin-www.seussville.com/ohtheplaces/>.

Deadline: February 15, 2010

Prize: \$5,000 College scholarship

Dr. Seuss's *Oh! The Places You'll Go!* College Scholarship recognizes high school seniors who understand and value the limitless possibilities that education can offer with a scholarship award. Applicants must be 12th grade students graduating spring 2010, age 21 years or

younger. The scholarship will be awarded based on an essay composition and the prize will be announced by Random House, Inc. in May 2010. The scholarship will be made directly to the post-secondary educational institution of the winner's choice.

Next Step Teen Writing Contest

Complete information and details at <http://www.nextstepmagazine.com/nextstep/teen-contests.aspx>.

You must register at this website to take part in their \$100 Teen Writing Contest!

Teen Ink Contests

Complete information and details at <http://www.teenink.com/Contests/>.

Current opportunities include:

Interview Contest

Fiction Contest (May 1)

Nonfiction Contest

Travel & Culture Contest (May 1)

Poetry Contest

Community Service Awards (May 1)

Teen Ink Cover Photo Contest

Environment Contest

Educator of the Year Contest (April 30)

Teen Ink Submissions

Complete information and details at <http://teenink.com/submissions/guidlines.php> or email editor@teenink.com

Deadline: open

Prize: Get published in a national magazine!

Teen Ink is a national teen magazine, book series, and website devoted entirely to teenage writing and art. They have no staff writers or artists; they depend completely on submissions from teenagers nationwide for their content, which includes stories, poems, photography, and other artwork.

Youthful Thoughts Anthology Quarterly Contest

Information, rules, and a submission form at <http://youthfulwisdompress.com/contests/>.

Deadline: open

Youthful Wisdom Press is a small independent press that specializes in publishing material written by young adults, ages 13-18. YWP believes that our youth will always have a story to tell and should have a place of their own in which to express it. We encourage their creativity by giving them an opportunity to see their work in print within three months to a year, while experiencing the aspects of traditional publishing. YWP also offers quarterly writing contests.

MTV's True Life: I'm a Fan Boy or Fan Girl Casting Call!

Complete rules, details, and a submission form at www.nycomiccon.com/mtvtruelife, or email jbruley@reedexpo.com.

Deadline: open

If you're an obsessed fanboy (or girl), MTV wants to hear from you! Find out more about "True Life" at truelife.mtv.com.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Casting Call!

Complete rules and details at <http://IAMtheWimpyKid.com>

Deadline: open

Twentieth Century Fox is holding an on-line casting call to find a bright young male actor, aged 10-13, for the lead role of Greg Heffley in the film version of the *New York Times* Bestselling *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Speculative Fiction Contests

Complete information and details at

<http://www.davidbarrkirtley.com/teenwriter/Contests.html>

Deadline: varied

Prize: varied

This website provides links to various websites hosting writing contests especially for those interested in science fiction, fantasy, and speculative fiction!

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