



Junior League of Mobile Youth Pen Award

Short Fiction Guidelines

DEADLINES

The *2008 Youth Pen Award* entry must be postmarked by
May 12, 2008

Complete entry guidelines are given below.

Entries not conforming to complete guidelines will be disqualified.

Mail entries to:

Junior League of Mobile Youth Pen Award
c/o Junior League of Mobile
57 North Sage Avenue
Mobile, Alabama 36607-3348

For more information contact:

Becki Connally at 459-3320

Ashley Turner-Carrick at 990-3310 or email ashturnercarrick@bellsouth.net

ELIGIBILITY

Junior League of Mobile Youth Pen Award is open to Mobile and Baldwin County high school students grades 9 – 12. All students wishing to submit a short fiction work are **required** to attend the Writer's Workshop: There is no cost for this workshop – registration is required.

Speaker: Watt Key.

Saturday, April 19, 2008 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

University of South Alabama, Humanities Bldg., Auditorium # 170

Students may submit more than one entry. Each submission must follow procedures and have a cover sheet. **Do not put name or personal information on submission.**

JLM YOUTH PEN AWARD PRIZES

Short Fiction:

1st Place

- Publishing of Short Story in the Mobile Register Newspaper (Subject matter and content to be published at the discretion of the Mobile Register. The Junior League of Mobile is not responsible for decisions made by the Mobile Register.)
- Comprehensive critique by Watt Key
- Laptop Computer with Vista Software

2nd Place

- Apple iPod

3rd Place

- Apple iPod

JUDGING

Manuscripts are submitted blind for judging by professionals in the fields of editing, publishing, writing, and academics. Watt Key will choose the final winning entry. Judging is solely on the basis of writing talent, use of language, and universality of appeal in content. Sex, race, color, creed, ethnic origin, and politics of the author are not factors in the selection. The names of the judges will be announced when the awards announcement is made.

FORMAT FOR ENTRIES

Submit entries in a 9”x 12” envelope. Submit clear copies only: students should retain originals. No manuscripts can be returned. Do not attempt to send entries via fax or e mail. Submission must only have title and manuscript. **Students’ names should appear only on the entry forms since all works are judged anonymously.** All short fiction should be typed and double-spaced with the name of the short story in the upper right hand corner of each page of text. Use fronts only of each page. Work should not exceed 2,500 words. Submissions must be written in the English language, but may included brief passages in other languages for creative emphasis. Short story should be bound with a single staple in the left corner of manuscript.

WINNERS

Winners will be notified by telephone and listed on the Junior League of Mobile website: www.juniorleaguemobile.org.

Winners should be prepared to be present for an awards ceremony to be announced after judging.

The Junior League of Mobile reserves the right to publish winning manuscripts at a future date. The earnings from any such published materials will be used for future literary prizes and for the educational projects presented by the Junior League of Mobile, Inc. No honorarium will be paid to authors. No earnings from any such publications are expected.

All guidelines are subject to change at the discretion of the committee as needed.





**JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MOBILE
YOUTH PEN AWARD
CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION
SHORT FICTION
2008**

Title: _____

Word Count: _____

Author's Name: _____

School Affiliation: _____ Grade _____

Sponsoring Teacher _____

Teacher email: _____

Student Telephone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Student E-Mail _____

Student Address: _____

Parents Names & Address: _____

Please include this cover sheet with each submission. Failure to do so will disqualify submissions.