

STUDENT WRITING CONTESTS

Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. *Scope* contests are ONLY open to legal residents of the U.S. and Canada age 18 and older who are the teacher, parent, or legal guardian of a student in grades 4-12. Entries must be submitted by the teacher, parent, or legal guardian, not the student. If entries are submitted by someone under 18, they will be deleted and disqualified. Employees of Scholastic Inc. (“Sponsor”), its parent, affiliates, subsidiaries, and their respective advertising, promotion, and fulfillment agencies (collectively, the “Related Entities”), and the immediate families (spouse and parents, children, siblings and their respective spouses, regardless of where they reside) and household members of each, whether or not related, are not eligible to enter or win. Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws. Contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law. One entry per contest per student. Students may create entries in pairs or groups. Group entries chosen as winners will be acknowledged as one winner and receive one prize. See our Contest Page for details.

2. All *Scope* contest entries can be e-mailed to ScopeContest@scholastic.com along with completed *Scope* contest forms, available at: scope.scholastic.com/pages/scope-contests.html. Please attach entries as Word documents or PDFs, put the contest name in the subject line, and include your e-mail address.

3. Released Parties (as defined below) assume no responsibility for (a) lost, misdirected, damaged, stolen, illegible, failed, incomplete, inaccurate, garbled, delayed or late entries, or emails; (b) telephone, electronic, program, network, Internet, or computer delays, deletions, interruptions or other failures or errors or difficulties of any kind whether human, mechanical, electronic, computer, network, typographical, printing or otherwise of any kind; or (c) any human error that may occur in the processing of any entry or otherwise in the administration of this contest, nor are they responsible for any theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries, whether caused by the sender or any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in this contest. Proof of online submission of the entry does not constitute proof of delivery. In the event of a dispute regarding the identity of a person submitting an entry, the entry will be deemed to be submitted by the Authorized Account Holder of the e-mail address at the time of entry. “Authorized Account Holder” is defined as the natural person who is assigned the e-mail address by an Internet access provider, on-line

service provider, or other organization (e.g., business, educational institution, etc.) that is responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address.

4. All entries must be original. By entering, entrants warrant and represent that their entry is the original work of their child/student, and grant to Scholastic the non-exclusive, worldwide perpetual right to edit, reproduce, publish, translate, display, transmit, promote, and otherwise use their entries, and to incorporate their entries in other works, in any and all markets and media, now known or hereafter developed without further notice or compensation. Entrants further warrant that they have the sole and exclusive right to grant such rights to Sponsor and that Sponsor’s use of their entry in accordance with the foregoing will not infringe on any rights of any third party.

5. Entries will be usually be judged on the equally weighted criteria of writing quality, originality, and clear presentation. For details on how entries will be judged for specific contests, please see that contest’s entry form. Entries must not contain any material that is violent, pornographic, obscene, illegal, racially or morally offensive, or otherwise inappropriate. If any entry contains any of the foregoing or otherwise does not comply with these Contest Rules and Guidelines or meet Sponsor’s standards for any reason, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion, such entry may be rejected as ineligible for consideration.

6. Prizes and Winners. See contest page for details of the specific prize for a contest. Winners will be selected by Sponsor, whose decisions on all matters relating to the contest are final and binding. Winners will be notified within two months of the contest deadline by email. Sponsor reserves the right not to award all prizes if, in its sole discretion, it does not receive a sufficient number of eligible entries. Winners may be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and liability release, on their own behalf and on behalf of their child/student, within 7 days after notification is sent, or prize may be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. The winners are responsible for payment of all federal, state or other tax liabilities (including income taxes), if any, on any prize received as well as any costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance and use of prize not specified herein as being provided. Sponsor and Related Entities shall not be liable for unsuccessful efforts to notify a winner. If the winner does not meet qualification criteria or cannot be reached or otherwise doesn’t comply with these Official Rules, Sponsor reserves the right to select an alternate winner. Prize is non-transferable, not returnable, and cannot be sold or redeemed for cash. No prize substitution except by Sponsor in case of unavailability, in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded.

7. Except where prohibited, acceptance of a prize shall constitute and signify a winner’s consent, to the use of their, and their child/student’s, name, address (city and state only), likeness, age, voice and/or photograph or video for any lawful purpose in any and all media now or hereafter known, including online, in any manner, together with other materials, in perpetuity without further notice, compensation or permission.

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8. By entering, winner agrees that Sponsor, the Related Entities and their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, “Released Parties”) will have no liability or responsibility for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind, which may be sustained in connection with this contest, the receipt, ownership or use of the prize or while preparing for, participating in, and/or traveling to any prize-related activity, and they will be held harmless against any claims of liability arising directly or indirectly from participation in this contest and the prizes awarded. Released Parties are not responsible if any prize cannot be awarded or enjoyed due to travel cancellations, delays or interruption due to weather, natural disaster, acts of war or terrorism or other causes beyond Sponsor’s reasonable control.

9. If the administration or integrity of the contest is compromised or corrupted at any time, the Sponsor reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel the contest and, if terminated, at Sponsor’s discretion, award the prizes from among all non-suspect, eligible entries received up to time of such action using the judging procedure outlined above.

10. Winners’ List. For the names of the contest winners, within 4 weeks of the date winners are announced, either send an email to: ScopeContest@scholastic.com or a self addressed stamped envelope to [contest name], c/o Scholastic, Scope 4th Fl., 130 Mercer Street, New York, NY 10012.

11. Sponsor: Scholastic Inc., 557 Broadway, New York, NY 10012

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