



2017 - -2018 NCRA Young Authors' Project "Show Your Strength" Local Council Guidelines and Responsibilities

The theme for the Young Authors' Project is "Show Your Strength." Young Authors are encouraged to write about their personal experiences with perseverance; how they have overcome obstacles; how they found strength in a time of weakness; and/or what inspired them to rise above a particular challenge. Authors may write prose or poetry, fiction or non-fiction.

GUIDELINES

All entries must be original creations.

Only 1 entry per person may be submitted.

All entries must have participated in a local level judging before being submitted to the state judging level.

All entries to the state judging level must be submitted by a member of NCRA.

Format

All entries should:

- Submitted in Microsoft Word format ~~converted to a Google Doc in the Official Young Author Google Folder as provided by the NCRA BOD.~~
- Use 10- point, "Times New Roman" font, single -spaced, for the body of the piece.
- Include an original title, typed in bold, 12- point type, with only the first letter of each major word in the title capitalized.
- Include author information after the body of the piece. Skip two lines and then center the following information in 10 -point:

Author's First and Last Name
Grade
Teacher's First and Last Name
School
NCRA Member Name

Length of Entries

Grades K – 1: Entries should have no more than 200 words.

Grades 2 – 5: Entries should have no more than 300 words.

Grades 6 - -8: Entries should have no more than 400 words.

Grades 9 – 12 and Forever Young: Entries should have no more than 500 words.

Scoring Rubric for Young Author's Project

Things to Remember:

- Any organizational structure/genre is acceptable
- Each selection needs a title
- K-Grade 8 should have no more than 300 words
- Grade 9-Adults should have no more than 500 words
- Artwork may accompany writing but it does not count in the judging
- (Please do not separate artwork from writing.)

Writing Rubric

- Stimulating Ideas**
 - The writing creates an experience for the reader
 - The writing has a clear focus on main idea
 - The writing has interesting details that support the main idea
- Logical Organization**
 - The writing gives the reader a clear picture of the subject
 - The writing has a clear sequence of events
 - The writing's events or details are related to the topic
 - The writing grabs the reader's attention
- Personal Voice**
 - The writing reveals the writer's thoughts and feelings
 - The writing holds the attention of the reader
 - The writing shows the writer's interest in the subject

Conventions/Mechanics (see back)

Each reader will award a total score of:			
1	2	3	4
not evident	fair	good	excellent

(NCRA requires 2 readers. To achieve State Publication, the piece must receive a total score of 6 or higher.)

Expectations for Conventions

(Each grade builds on the grade before; therefore, 1st is responsible for skills from K and 1st; 2nd is responsible for skills from K, 1, and 2; and so on)

Kindergarten

- Use of capital letters to write the word I and in names

First Grade

- Spells 3-4 letter words correctly based on phonics
- Use of complete sentences
- Basic capitalization and punctuation

Second Grade

- Spells correctly based on phonics
- Uses proper capitalization and punctuation

Third Grade

- Uses correct capitalization and punctuation
- Uses paragraphs to organize prose writing
- Uses correct subject/verb agreement

Fourth-Sixth Grade

- Uses correct capitalization and punctuation
- Subject/verb tense consistency
- Proper use of pronouns
- Varied sentence formations
- Proper word usage

Seventh Grade - Adults

- Word usage is free from errors in agreement, tense, inflection and case
- Proper use of all language mechanics (spelling, capitalization and punctuation)
- Word Choice should be precise and engaging
- Well organized and holds reader's interest

Young Author's Permission Form 2017 - -2018

Please fill out this form completely to provide NCRA permission to publish.

Grade Level of Entry: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Forever Young
(Circle appropriate level)

Title of entry: _____

Author's name: _____

Author's home address: _____

Author's email address: _____

Author's home phone with area code: _____

Complete name of author's school: _____

Sponsoring NCRA member's first and name: _____

Sponsoring NCRA Member's email: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Name of the local NCRA Council: New Hanover County Reading Association

Young Authors Chairperson: Ann Carroll

Permission to Publish: *I verify that my entry is my own work and has not been plagiarized. If the Young Authors Committee selects my entry, it will be published in the state book. I understand that all money from the sale of this book will be used for the Young Authors Project.*

Author's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



New Hanover County Reading Association 2017-2018 Membership Form

NCRA: Local Council Number #36730

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/nhcralocal/home>

Name _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Street, Route, P. O. Box

City

Zip

Home Phone Number (_____) _____

E-mail (required) _____ @ _____

School _____

(If not affiliated with a school (i.e. retired), please indicate which school your membership should count for in the Young Authors Project.)

Check one:

Renewal Membership _____ or New Member _____

Member Dues:

\$20.00 (\$15 if before 9/25/17) Membership – Check # _____ Cash _____

\$15.00 Parents and Non-Certified Personnel - Check # _____ Cash _____

\$10.00 ILT Teachers and Full Time Students - Check # _____ Cash _____

If you are also an **International Literacy Association** (formerly IRA) member, please list your membership number _____ and expiration date _____ (www.reading.org)

Please sign below if NHCRA may use your picture.

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Please return this form with your dues at a scheduled meeting, or mail your membership form and dues to:
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Please make checks payable to **New Hanover County Council of IRA (NCRA)**.