

RIVER OF WORDS

POETRY & ART CONTEST

NOTE: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ABOUT WATER IN SOME FORM.

TURN IN ENTRIES:

**TO ALICIA LINDSEY
AT MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BY 2:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9.**

***1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED
IN 4 CATEGORIES FOR POETRY AND IN 4 CATEGORIES FOR ART.***

***CATEGORIES ARE:
K-2ND GRADE, 3RD-6TH GRADE, 7TH-9TH GRADE,
AND 10TH-12TH GRADE.***

LOCAL River of Words Contest

Rules and Guidelines

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by Alicia Lindsey by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

NOTE: Local Contest Rules and Guidelines are very similar to National Contest Rules and Guidelines, but there are some differences, including the deadline. Keep Covington/Newton Beautiful will forward entries in the local contest for competition in state and national contests.

- The contest is open to youth who are age 5-19, on the November 9 deadline date. Youth older than 19 who are still enrolled in high school are eligible, but college students, even if 19 or younger, are not. Entrants need not submit work through their school; individual submissions are also accepted.
- Youth may enter the contest as many times as they like, but a separate entry form *must* be completed for each submission.
- All poems must be original work. Written poetry must be either typed (preferred) or legibly written in ink (pencil does not photocopy); ASL poetry must be submitted on DVD. **Poems should not exceed 32 lines in length (written) or 3 minutes (signed).** The student's name, school, city and state should be on the poem, and **a completed Entry Form should be stapled back to back with each poem, with both the poem and entry form facing out.** For ASL poetry, please include a brief written summary of the poem's content. **Poems not submitted in this format, or with incomplete or illegible writing will not be judged.** Collaborative poems are accepted, but only one child (chosen as the group representative) will be eligible for any prizes awarded. *We are able to accept poems only in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.*
- All artwork must be original work. **Artwork should not exceed 11" by 17" in size--no exceptions.** Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, cloth, collage and computer art. **(Photo entries must be at least 8x10 inches.)** All entries must contain the student's name, school, city and state **on the back** — do not use a marker or anything that will show through! A completed entry form must also be affixed to the back of each piece of artwork. Please attach the entry form with tape or other fixative (if using glue, be careful to use one that will not run through and damage the artwork) — also, **do not use paperclips!** High quality color reproductions of prize-winning artwork

will be provided to their respective creators. **We will no longer accept color copies—all entries must be original work.**

- Art entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display or framing. Please, **no notebook or typing paper, and do not mat, mount, laminate, frame or fold artwork.** Entries must be mailed flat or rolled in a tube — no folding, please!
- Submissions become property of ROW. Through submission of poetry or artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted, **which will not be returned.**
- Keep Covington/Newton Beautiful will make every effort to carefully handle artwork but will assume no responsibility for damaged pieces.
- Members of the Covington Service Guild will judge entries in the contest.
- First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded—up to four in poetry and up to four in art (in four different age categories):

Category I — Kindergarten-Grade 2

Category II — Grades 3-6

Category III — Grades 7-9

Category IV — Grades 10-12

- First place prizes will be \$30 Wal-mart gift cards. Second place prizes will be \$20 Wal-mart gift cards. Third place prizes will be \$10 Wal-mart gift cards. Winners and their families and friends will be invited to attend an awards presentation at a Newton County Board of Commissioners Meeting.
- In any of the categories, Keep Covington/Newton Beautiful and Covington Service Guild maintain the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no poetry or artwork of merit is found.
- For further information, call Laurie Riley at 770-784-2015 or send email to lriley@co.newton.ga.us

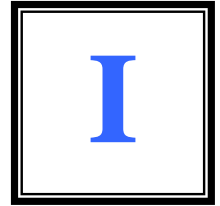
River of Words® Contest Entry Form

SCHOOL CONTEST DEADLINE:

Entries must be received by Alicia Lindsey by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.
(Please do not worry about references to the national contest deadline and sending forms to Berkeley, CA.
KCNB will forward all local contest entries to the national and state contests.)

NATIONAL CONTEST DEADLINE:

U. S. entries must be postmarked by December 1st! International entries must be received by February 1st!



INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM (form required with each entry)

Please use this form if you are entering the River of Words contest as an individual. **If, like most entrants, you are entering through school or some other organization or club, you should use the Group Contest Entry Form.** However, if you are entering the contest on your own, please complete this form for individual contest entries.

Please note that you must complete a separate entry form for each entry that you submit. All of your entries, and completed entry forms, should be sent in one package to:

River of Words Contest; P. O. Box 4000-J; Berkeley, CA 94704; USA

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Gender: _____

Title of Submission: _____ Art: ___ Poem: ___ (Check one)

If you submitted artwork, what medium did you use? (acrylic, pencil, pastel..?) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

County (if U.S. entry) _____ Home Phone _____

I hereby grant and assign to River of Words (ROW) the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect of the original artwork, writing, photos, or video that I have submitted to River of Words, to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish, and otherwise reproduce, and display the same, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork, writing, photos, and video, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world, for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, and trade, or any other purpose whatsoever; and to use my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in the River of Words Program. I understand that any use of this submitted work will include my child's name as its creator. I hereby release and discharge River of Words from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork, writing, photos, and video, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, River of Words maintains the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no poem or artwork of merit is found. ROW assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. River of Words may sell, assign, license, or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, licensees, and assigns of River of Words. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. I further release River of Words from any responsibility for injury incurred during the research or production of the original artwork, writing, photos and video.

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.

Pledge of Originality: I declare and avow that the poem(s) or art I am submitting to the River of Words Contest is my own original work.

Student's signature _____