



THE 2010 HAWAII EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SHORT STORY COMPETITION
For Students in Grades 7 and 8

Application and Information at www.heaed.com.

1. This contest is open to **ALL** students in grades 7 and 8 enrolled in public schools. Each student is invited to submit one short story to his/her teacher, who will select **no more than three per grade level, per class period** to send to HEA.
2. The short story **MUST BE ORIGINAL**. It should **not** be a re-telling or an adaptation of any previously written work. It should be related to Hawaii and be within the scope of the writer's experience. A short story is a narrative that quickly presents a complication or conflict, a climax, and an outcome. It may emphasize plot, people, events, or merely a single episode. It must be limited to few characters and small amounts of description and explanation. It may be comic, serious, or even tragic but should arouse interest and empathy in the reader. Teachers should guide students through the writing process.
3. **FORMAT**
 - a. The short story shall be no fewer than 650 words and no more than 1,000 words, typewritten on one side only, and double-spaced.
 - b. The entrant's name should **NOT** appear on any of the manuscript pages.
 - c. The **FULL TITLE** should be stated at the top of the **FIRST PAGE** of the manuscript.
 - d. A **COVER FORM**, giving HEA the right to publish the entry if it is a winner, shall be attached to the manuscript. The form accompanies these rules. Both the form and the rules may be duplicated.
4. Entries will be scored, using the attached "HEA Guidelines for Judging a Short Story, Revised 11/91." Judges look for short stories that readers will remember with pleasure and respect.
5. **DEADLINE: ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010.**
6. **PRIZES:**

First Place	\$75
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$40
Four (4) Honorable Mentions	\$10/each

Each winner and his/her teacher will be presented with two complimentary copies of the HEA publication of all winning entries, *Write On, HEA! 2010*.

Send your entries to: **Short Story Contest Chairman, Grades 7-8**
Hawaii Education Association
1953 South Beretania Street, Suite 3C
Honolulu, HI 96826

NOTE: We invite students to submit line drawings with their writing, but drawings will NOT be part of the judges' evaluation. Winners' drawings may be published in *Write On, HEA! 2010*.

H.E.A. GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING A SHORT STORY

HEA definition of a Short Story:

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<p><u>IDEA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shows creativity/originality - Develops interesting approach - Develops thematic coherence through title, characters, details, and conclusion <p><u>WORDING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employs clear, vivid, and precise language - Employs language to create imagery, arouse emotions, enhance dialogue, and stimulate thought <p><u>MECHANICS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employs sentences and paragraphs effectively - Employs correct grammar except for artistic effect - Employs correct spelling - Employs appropriate punctuation - Employs appropriate organization 					

Revised 10/02 - J. H.