

# Norwood-Walpole-Sharon-Westwood Creative Writing Contest 2010 Ages 8 to 12, and Ages 13 to 18



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*Jennifer L. Rogala, Local Children's Writer*

**Stories accepted from October 4, 2010 through October 22, 2010**

## **First Place**

- Publication of Winning Story in the Walpole Times, the Norwood Bulletin, the Sharon Advocate, and the Westwood Press.
- \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card
- Certificate of Achievement and first place ribbon

## **Second Place**

- \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card
- Certificate of Achievement and second place ribbon

## **Third Place**

- \$15 Barnes and Noble gift card
- Certificate of Achievement and third place ribbon

## **Honorable Mention**

- Certificate of Achievement
- Judges will choose 1 to 3 Honorable Mentions in both age categories.

A panel of writers, editors, and educators will judge the entries.  
The judges will look for originality, story structure, and grammar.

The top three entrants will be notified by Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, and be asked to participate in the awards ceremony on Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. This event will be hosted at the Walpole Barnes and Noble Café, 90 Providence Highway Walpole, 7:00pm-8:30pm.

### Writing Prompt

Write an original short story, double-spaced, 12pt font, on one side of each piece of paper. No illustrations, please.

- Ages 8 to 12: No more than 750 words
- Ages 13 to 18: No more than 1250 words

We all interact with many people, and our behavior can have an impact on others. Tell a story of a character who makes a difference in someone else's life. It can be a big or small difference. It can be a positive or negative difference. It's your choice since it's your story.

Do not write your name on your submitted story. Fill in the entry form, attach it to your story with a paperclip and send your writing and the completed entry form. One submission per person, please. Stories must be postmarked no later than October 22, 2010.

**Mail to: Jennifer Rogala, 17 Royal Court, Norwood, MA. 02062**

or

**E-mail to: Rogala\_Jenn@yahoo.com**

**Please list "Youth Writers Contest" in the subject line of the e-mail.**

For more information visit [www.JenniferRogala.com](http://www.JenniferRogala.com)

All entrants must reside or attend school in Norwood, Walpole, Sharon, or Westwood MA.

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Author's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_, MA

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail only used for communication related to the Youth Writing Contest. E-mail will not be shared with other parties

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/legal guardian) give my son/daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ express permission to enter this contest.

I also give the sponsors of this contest express permission to send any material to my son/daughter should he/she be the winner of this contest.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_