

Coweta Friends of the Library
Rules of the 2013 Young Writers Contest

1. To enter you must attend the Coweta Public Schools and be in the **4th, 5th, or 6th grade**, or live in the Coweta School District and be **home schooled** in these grades.
2. Only **one** entry per person.
3. **Deadline** for turning in your entry is **March 26, 2013**. Entries must be turned in at the Coweta Public Library located at 120 E. Sycamore no later than **8 pm**. No late entries will be accepted.
4. Your entry could be a story completely from your imagination, or it could be a true or almost true family story. You could even enter an essay on a topic that you feel strongly about, such as friendship or honesty. The choice is yours, just keep it G-rated please. Creativity and writing skills will be what is most important to the judges, but spelling and grammar will count!
5. **Drawing pictures** for your story is encouraged but not required. Pictures can be scattered through the text of the story like the author did in Diary of a Wimpy Kid, or they can be on pages all their own. Feel free to use pen, pencil, markers, watercolor or any other medium for your art work. How or if you use pictures is up to you.
6. Your entry should be **typed (double-spaced in a 12 point type) or neatly hand printed** in English on **unlined 8 1/2" by 11" paper**. **Don't write on the back.**
You can get a few sheets of unlined paper at the library if you need them. If you are hand printing your entry, you might want to use the old trick of placing a lined sheet under an unlined one. Neatness does count. A parent may type the story but please resist the urge to "fix" anything. Please type it just as it was written.
7. Your story can be **as short as you want**, but try not to make it longer than 4 typed pages. The eyes of our judges are not as young as they used to be. In case you are hand printing, one typed page equals about 250 words.
8. Place the number of the page and the title of your story near the bottom of each page. If we drop these stories we want to be able to put them back together!
9. A **Contest Entry Form** signed by a parent and an **Official Title Page** must accompany your entry. Your name should not appear on any page except the Contest Entry Form. We don't want our judges to know whose story they are judging.
10. **Paper clip** your story together with the Entry Form and Title page. **DO NOT use staples**. We will be making copies of your stories for the judges. The library has paper clips if you need one.

Your entry will be judged along with **others at your own grade level**. Cash prizes in each grade level are \$50 for First Place, \$30 for Second Place, and \$20 for Third Place. There may also be several Honorable Mentions and a few special prizes.

If you have questions contact Kathy Cox at 918-639-6333 or Caren Hurlbut at 918-486-3828. Rules and entry forms are available at the library or on our new website, <http://cowetafriendsofthelibrary.org>.