



Building Generations of Writers

# Story Writing Competition

Winners will be announced  
December 4, 2010

Georgetown students grades 3 – 8 are invited to participate in the annual **Hill Country Book Festival Children and Youth Writing Competition.**

Georgetown students will write a story to the prompt shown below.

**The writing will take place at the Georgetown library.**

Only the brief outline provided below (or a facsimile) may be brought to the writing competition. Paper, pens, pencils and one dictionary will be provided. Contestants CANNOT use a story that was previously written.

Contestants will select **ONE** of the following writing times.  
**October 20, Wednesday, 4-6 pm - October 23, Saturday, 10-12 pm - October 23, Saturday, 2-4 pm**

## ALL SELECTED ENTRIES WILL BE PUBLISHED

**The Hill Country Book Festival is pleased to announce that entries selected by the committee will be published in an anthology. Authors of the selected entries will receive a free copy of the anthology.**

**Copies of the anthology will be available at the Author’s Autograph Party. Date to be determined.**

**The competition is divided into three grade divisions:  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

One winner is selected from each division.

The winner of each division will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate from Hill Country Book Store

Two Certificates of Merit will be chosen from each division and will receive a special book chosen by the committee

Judges will be looking for: creativity (60% of total score);  
organization and development (30% of total score);  
sentence structure, word usage (vocabulary), and fluency (10% of total score)

NOTE: Spelling and neatness WILL NOT be counted against the writing as long as it is legible and understandable.

### Judges’ decisions are final.

**PROMPT:**

*The MAGIC of Friendship*

Have you read a book about a character that you grew to love? Through the story, that character became like a friend. Friends are very special people. They are there in the good times and when things get tough. Write a story about a time that a friend helped you. It could be about someone who stood up for you when you felt all alone, maybe it was someone you thought wasn’t a friend. You could even write about a time when you helped a friend. Write about a person or even a pet that is always there for you no matter how you feel or what happens. It doesn’t even have to be real, but it must be about what true friendship is and why it’s so special and magical.

Main Character/s \_\_\_\_\_

Setting \_\_\_\_\_

What is the Problem? \_\_\_\_\_

How the problem is solved. \_\_\_\_\_