

## Contest Guidelines

The 2009/2010 Art and Writing Contest is an opportunity for middle and high school students in Central Arkansas to explore their own attitudes towards intolerance and bias.

The goal of the contest is to have you examine your behaviors and biases and to inspire a dialogue that promotes tolerance in today's complex world.

### Prompt\*

**DO NOT IDENTIFY YOURSELF IN YOUR ESSAY OR ARTWORK. ATTACH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO YOUR SUBMISSION.**

The *Testimony to Tolerance* Initiative at the Central Arkansas Library System and the Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission of the City of Little Rock both strive to empower students to open a dialogue about and improve upon the climate of tolerance and diversity in their schools and communities. With that in mind, answer ALL of the following:

*How tolerant is your school and community? How can you become an agent of change to improve upon the climate of tolerance and diversity in your school or community? If you could leave a message for future generations regarding tolerance and diversity, what would it be?*

### Essay entries must meet the following criteria:

- typed in size 12 font;
- double-spaced on each page;
- printed in conventional font, such as Times New Roman with no script or italics;
- at least 2 pages, but no more than 4 pages;
- address the provided Prompt\*;
- written without student identification.

### Art entries must meet the following criteria:

- original;
- limited to two-dimensional, unframed, unmatted and unsigned works no larger than 14"x18";
- include fixatives if the work is chalk, charcoal or pastels;
- free of lined paper or paper torn from spiral notebooks;
- provided with an artist's statement that gives the title of the work
- explained with an up to 75 word statement of how this work addresses the provided Prompt\* written without student identification.

## AWARDS

Awards will be presented in

Division I – Middle School

and

Division II – High School.

In each division prizes are

\$400 for First Place

\$250 for Second Place

\$100 for Third Place.

## JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS:

- Prompt\* is addressed.
- Style, organization and over all presentation are attractive.
- All required criteria as listed in this brochure has been met,
- Written entry is clear and grammatically correct.
- Visual entry was carefully, thoughtfully constructed.
- Entry reflects sincere, thoughtful beliefs and ideas.