



2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program

Tips for Literature (Prose or Poetry) Portfolio Submissions

Portfolio Submissions

- May consist of two (2) pieces of prose (fiction or creative non-fiction) or three (3) poems (any style).
- Judges are looking for originality, creativity, versatility and craftsmanship.
- Be sure to carefully proof read your works for grammar, formatting, punctuation and spelling.
- Include the title, your full name & page number on each page (follow specifics in Literary Arts Scholarship Guidelines for placement on the page).

Prose Pieces

- Fiction works need to have a strong voice, good character development, and captivating opening that makes the reader want to read more.
- Creative nonfiction needs to be focused and informative with details (substantiated with facts) and a distinct voice.

Poetry Pieces

- Make sure you follow the “style” specific to the poem type i.e. villanelle
- Be sure to include beautiful/expressive language, strong imagery, and be consistent with the tone throughout the poem.

Résumé

- The judges should know who you are by reading your Résumé.
- Provide the following “artistic” information:
 - training
 - experience (both within and outside of your school)
 - accomplishments/awards
 - extracurricular activities i.e. community theatre group, vocal music group, teach/tutor
 - club memberships (including offices held)
 - anything else that might tell the judges how “Theatre Performance (including voice)” fits in your life

Résumé (cont'd.)

- Include information about:
 - community and volunteer service
 - academic awards, honors and achievements (including GPA, ACT and SAT scores)
 - extracurricular activities i.e. debate, student government, choir, band, sports
 - leadership positions
 - anything else that might tell the judges who you are

- Important!
 - List accomplishments/information in descending order (most current to earliest)
 - *Proof-read and spell-check your Résumé.*
 - Do not rely solely on spell-check (your word processing program) – it can miss things.
Have your nominating teacher and/or parent(s) review it for content, spelling, grammar and format before you submit it!