



## 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 information:
  - writing experience (both within and outside of your school)
  - accomplishments/awards
  - extracurricular activities i.e. debate, student government, choir, band, sports, writer’s group, newspaper or yearbook staff
  - club memberships (including offices held)
  - any activity or experience that might tell the judges more about your high school experience – both within your school and in your community
  - community and volunteer service
  - academic awards, honors and achievements (including GPA, ACT and SAT scores)
  - 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!*