



### *Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School's Annual Writing Contest*

Sponsored by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS English Department; B-CC's literary arts magazine, *Chips*; the Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS Educational Foundation; and The Writer's Center.

We invite Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School students in grades 9-12 to submit for judging original short stories, poems, personal essays, and/or one-act plays by January 8, 2016, to their B-CC HS English teachers.

**Entries must be typed, double-spaced in 10-point or 12-point**, preferably in Times New Roman or a similar font with one-inch margins. Pages should be numbered. Entries of multiple pages should be clipped, not stapled.

Students should complete and attach an entry form/cover page, available through English teachers and the English Office, as well as the B-CC website, to each entry. Students' names should appear **only** on the entry form. Each submission should have a title on the first page.

Entries may not be e-mailed, but must be turned in directly to a B-CC HS English teacher through English classes on or before the deadline of January 8, 2016. Teachers will check entries for completeness and turn in all submissions to Mrs. Kirk, English Resource Teacher, at Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS (A320).

Categories and length restrictions are as follows:

- **Short Story**—1,000 to 2,000 words
- **Poetry**—no more than 2 pages in length
- **Personal Essay**—500 to 1,000 words
- **Drama**—One-act play, no more than 8 pages

All work submitted should meet guidelines for student publications in Montgomery County Public Schools.

All entries will be judged. The cover sheets will be removed prior to judging and each entry will be assigned a number. Entries will be judged in a preliminary judging at the school level by a committee of B-CC staff and students from the *Chips* staff. Entries selected to advance to the next level will be judged by writers from The Writer's Center.

Winners will be notified by the sponsors of the contest. All winners will be invited to read their work at a reception to be hosted in their honor at the Writer's Center.

Works submitted to this contest may also be submitted separately by the writer to *Chips* by its published deadline for consideration for publication in *Chips*. All entries submitted for this contest will automatically be considered for publication in *Chips*.

Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy. Three prizes will be awarded in each category: first place, second place, and honorable mention.

**First Place:** \$50.00, sponsored by the BCC HS Educational Foundation, and publication in *Chips* in the spring

**Second Place:** \$25.00 Sponsored by the BCC HS Educational Foundation.

**Honorable Mention:** Certificate

Writer's Center subscription for all winners.

First-place winners will receive a free workshop at the Writer's Center.

For more information, please contact Dawn Charles at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School @ Dawn\_Charles@mcpsmd.org.

**Entry Form Due January 8, 2016—Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Ninth Annual Writing Contest**

Name:

Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Category—Please circle one:

Poetry   Short Story   Personal Essay   Drama

Title of Work :

Number of Words:

**Students may enter a maximum of one submission per category in no more than two categories. A separate entry form should accompany each submission.**

I verify that the attached submission is my own work, that the work has not previously been published, and that it does not exceed the word count. I give permission for my work to be published in *Chips* if the work is selected or receives a first-place award. I understand that I may enter **only one** entry in any one category and submit work in **no more than two** categories.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the attached work is my child's own work, and I give permission for the work to be published in *Chips* if the work is selected or receives a first-place award.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge, the attached submission represents the student's own work. I have checked the entry form for completeness.

English Teacher's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_