

More Than Broken Bones.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST FOR TEENS

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DEADLINE: February 5th, 2010

OFFICIAL RULES

Eligibility: This contest is open to all writers ages 13 – 19, published or not, regardless of experience, from the Hampton Roads area. Entries can be poems, narratives or short stories no longer than two typed pages in length. *Limit one entry per participant please.* Samaritan House will only consider original essays and poems written by teens. Possible topics include healthy relationships, how to empower yourself to avoid relationship violence, “red flags”/ signs of abusers, and experiences with and the effects of emotional, verbal and physical abuse, sexual assault, harassment, and family violence.

Prizes: Prizes and value may vary. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in grades 6-8 and the top three entries in grades 9-12. Winners will be notified by email and/or phone

Judging: All entries are judged on the work’s originality, creativity, artistic quality and adherence to the theme. Judging is done by an independent, volunteer panel, including the president of the Hampton Roads Writers. All decisions of the judges are final.

Rights: All poems and essays remain the property of the artist at all times. By submitting an entry to this contest, the artist also gives Samaritan House the right to publish their entry on the Samaritan House web site as well as during training and presentations. Samaritan House is under no obligation to publish every contest entry and reserves the right to disqualify any entry based on content.

Entry: You may mail your work and an entry form to: Creative Writing Contest, Samaritan House, P.O. Box 2400, #226, Virginia Beach, VA 23450. It can also be faxed to (757) 631-0747, ATTN: Angela Lawrence. Email entries may be sent to angelal@samaritanhouseva.org. If mailed via post, entries will not be mailed back unless requested and a postage-paid envelope is sent with the entry. Winners will be notified through their respective schools on or before February 1st.

Creative Writing Web sites:

<http://www.writing.com>

<http://www.webenglishteacher.com/creative.html>

More Than Broken Bones Creative Writing Contest Entry Form

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

TITLE OF WORK: _____

By signing, I agree that the work submitted is my own original work. I further understand that by submitting an entry to this contest, I give Samaritan House the right to publish my entry. Samaritan House is under no obligation to publish every contest entry and reserves the right to disqualify any entry based on content.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____