



**AMERICAN ME “Voices of Our Youth” essay writing contest
Submission rules and procedures**

Submission Rules:

1. Authors must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
2. Authors must be students between the ages of 15 and 18.
3. All entries must be written in English.
4. All entries must be within 750 and 1000 words in length.
5. Entries must be original and unpublished at the time of submission.
6. Co-authorships are not permissible.
7. Authors may submit only one essay/short story whether under his or her name or as a pseudonym.
8. Entries must be submitted with a completed, signed application and received by Mind Candy, LLC. with a postmark no later than June 30, 2007.
9. As the administrator of this program, Mind Candy, LLC has the following rights which may be exercised at its sole discretion:
 - a. To declare any entry ineligible if it is not in compliance with the submission rules and procedures;
 - b. To reproduce as many copies of an entry as are necessary for distribution among the judges; and
 - c. To use the author's name and title of any entry receiving an award for publicity
10. Entries shall be free from copyright restrictions relating to this program, and the author shall hold Mind Candy, LLC, its officers, and directors free and harmless from all copyright claims. If an entry includes any material that is copyrighted, the author shall provide proof of written permission to publish the copyrighted material in the script.
11. Any participant with or without a disability is eligible to submit an entry.
12. Selected essays/short stories will be posted on various websites. To be considered, submissions must be appropriate in language and subject matter for this audience.
13. The winning submission will be published in the 2nd edition of Nan: The Trifling Times of Nathan Jones.

Submission Procedures:

1. You must submit your essay/short story with a completed application form
2. You must personally sign the application. If an author is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also sign the application.
3. You must submit two copies of your essay/short story. Submissions will not be returned.
4. Your script must be typed, preferably double spaced with 12 pt font.
5. Staple or clip your entry in the upper left-hand corner and include the following on the cover sheet: name of story/essay, your name and address.
- 14.9. Be sure to put the correct amount of postage on the envelope and have it postmarked ***no later than June 30, 2007.***
- 15.10. Mind Candy, LLC is not responsible for loss or damage to entries.

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