

Oklahoma Reading Association
Essay Contest for Secondary Students
Grades 9 - 12
Guidelines
Deadline: **February 1**

ORA sponsors an essay contest for students in grades 9 to 12. This year's theme is

“My Life as a Reader.”

Students should select someone who has influenced them as readers—perhaps a teacher, a parent or other family member, a friend, or even a character from a book. Students may determine the specific content of the essay but should include the significance reading has had in their lives.

Essays will be judged in two divisions: 9th/10th grade and 11th/12th grade.

First-place winners will receive \$100,
Second-place winners will receive \$75,
Third-place winners will receive \$50.

Winning essays will be published on the ORA website. Teachers of the winning students will receive certificates of recognition.

Who May Enter:

Students in grades 9 to 12. Each teacher may submit a maximum of five (5) entries.

Format and Length:

500 to 750 words, typed, double-spaced, **NO** student name on essay.

Deadline:

Entries should be postmarked by **February 1**.

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Entry Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION AND STAPLE THIS
PAGE TO THE FRONT OF EACH ENTRY.

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Student's Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Title of Essay: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Student's Home Phone (including area code): _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Teacher's e-mail Address: _____

Release Form

**I guarantee that the essay I've submitted is my original work. By submitting my essay, I
relinquish first copyright of the essay to the Oklahoma Reading Association.. All other
copyrights reserved by the student.**

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's e-mail Address: _____

Send contest entries to:

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