

SPEAK OUT, WRITE NOW!

First Human Rights and Social Justice Writing Contest at Miami

Writing Contest Features \$2400 in Prizes for Students

You could win one of 24 prizes of \$100 each in the 2007 October Writing Contest. This year's theme is HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. The contest is open to all Miami students on all campuses.

CONTEST CATEGORIES

There will be three \$100 awards in each of the following categories.

Research papers and essays

Explore your topic in depth, using up to 20 double-spaced pages. Include your sources.

Photos

A photo can be a powerful means of communication. Accompany yours with a 50- to 250-word statement that tells where you took the photo and how it relates to a human rights or social justice issue.

Op-Ed commentaries

Write a persuasive letter to the editor or an opinion piece like those published in newspapers and magazines such as *Time* and *Newsweek*. Up to 750 words.

Posters

Create a research poster like those presented at professional conferences. Also eligible are posters that could be displayed on a kiosk, bulletin board, or billboard.

Creative writing

Bring human rights and social justice issues to life in a poem, play, story, or other creative piece. Remember the impact of Dave Eggers' *What Is the What*.

Journalism

Prepare an investigative report or feature article that explores a human rights or social justice issue.

Electronic media

Engage your audience with new media. Create a website, digital movie, or presentation in another electronic medium.

Special International Prizes

Three special prizes of \$100 each will be awarded for entries in any category that are based on a student's international study or service.

To qualify your entry for one of the international prizes, add a statement at the end that describes in 50 words or less the international experience on which you based your submission.

TOPICS

No matter what your major—whether art, education, engineering, or zoology—there are many human rights and social justice issues that you can address. You can choose a global topic or a local one—including an issue right here at Miami. Here are some possibilities.

- **Dramatize a social injustice**
- **Inspire others to action**
- **Propose a solution**
- **Raise awareness of a little-recognized problem**
- **Explain how technology or science can help**
- **Argue on behalf of an ignored human right**
- **Highlight a successful social justice initiative**

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COURSE PROJECTS

You may submit something you prepared for a course or something you wrote on your own initiative. Ask your instructors about this contest. They might integrate this contest into one of the assignments for their courses.

NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS

You may submit as many as six entries, one in each category at the Howe Center for Writing Excellence

PUBLIC DISPLAY

All entries will be displayed at the Howe Center's public website for the world to read and admire.

DATES

Submissions will be accepted from October 1 through 31 at www.muohio.edu/Howe.

JUDGING

Each category has its own panel of judges consisting of Miami faculty and staff.

CRITERIA

The judges will apply the following criteria when judging entries.

- *Originality*
- *Persuasiveness*
- *Insightfulness*
- *Accuracy of facts cited*
- *Polish of the writing or visual presentation*

WINNERS

Winners will be announced at the Human Rights and Social Justice Information Fair on November 14, so you can celebrate your achievement before the semester ends.

QUESTIONS

Email the Roger and Joyce Howe Center for Writing Excellence at Howe@muohio.edu.

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Writing Month at Miami

This contest is one of the many "iWrite October" events that celebrate "Writing Month at Miami" and part of the Human Rights and Social Justice Program at Miami.