

# HARRISON WRITING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## 2009-10

### ***Purpose:***

1. To acknowledge the importance of good writing in today's world.
2. To stimulate interest in developing excellent writing skills.
3. To recognize students who excel in writing and language arts.

### ***Awards:***

Four awards of \$250 each will be given annually, two awards in the category of expository writing and two awards in the category of creative writing.

### ***Eligible Students:***

All Helena Public School students in grades 9 – 12 are eligible.

### ***Selection Procedures:***

1. Students wishing to submit writing for the Harrison Writing Award should follow the submission procedures for *Pen & Ink*, indicating on the submission form whether their writing is to be considered for the Harrison Award or for *Pen & Ink* or for both.
2. For *Pen & Ink* a student may submit several pieces of writing in either category of expository or creative writing, but for the Harrison Writing Award a student may submit only one piece, either in expository or creative. A separate submission form should be attached to each piece of writing.
3. For the Harrison Writing Award the writing sample is limited to one piece of up to five (5) pages but can include excerpts of a longer piece. Poetry submissions can include a selection of poems not exceeding five (5) pages. Samples must be typed in a minimum of 12-point font and double-spaced.
4. Writing may be submitted:
  - to teachers who will forward them to either Mrs. Davidson at Capital or Mr. Pogreba at Helena High.
  - directly to Mrs. Davidson or Mr. Pogreba
  - directly to hef@mt.net.
5. Submissions for the Harrison Award will be judged by a committee of professional writers in the Helena community, chaired by a member of the Helena Education Foundation.
6. The deadline for submissions is **February 1, 2010**.

*Note: information about the writing awards as well as copies of last year's winners can be found on the HEF website: [www.hefmt.org](http://www.hefmt.org)*