

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

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Houston Alumnae Chapter



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Dear Teacher/Administrator,

The Arts and Letters Committee for the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is proud to announce its first **Short Story Writing Contest for 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Houston area schools**. We are excited to celebrate the development of artistic talent through creative writing in our youth.

We hope that you will share this information with your students who may be aspiring authors. This is an opportunity that may lead to their work being published. There is no cost to participate. Please see the attached information for contest details.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at arts@dsthoustonalumnae.org.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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2014 Short Story Writing Contest Guidelines

- Who:** Open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders in Houston, Texas Area Schools.
- When:** Deadline Feb. 28, 2014 at 11:59pm.
- What:** Short Stories between 3-5 pages (exclusive of the cover page),
- Cost:** There is no cost for submission.
- Criteria:** The work must be:
- The child's own original work.
 - Never before published.
 - PG in content.
 - Submitted with one author per submission (no co-authorship).
 - The only submission of the author.
 - Submitted electronically as an attachment at arts@dsthoustonalumnae.org.
 - Submitted with the email subject "HAC Short Story Contest".
- Format:** Submissions must be formatted as follows:
- *Cover Sheet must include the student's:*
 - *Full Name,*
 - *Grade,*
 - *School and District,*
 - *Email Address,*
 - *Parent's Name,*
 - *Parent's Home and/or Cellular Number, and*
 - *Title of the Short Story.*
 - *Each page of the Short Story must be a Word document and formatted as follows:*
 - Title of Short Story and Page Number in top right corner,
 - Double-Spaced, and
 - 12 pt Times New Roman.
- Prize:** Each author will be eligible to have their story published by the Arts and Letter Committee of the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Selected student-authors will be published and receive a bound copy of the book of short stories. The top student author will also receive a monetary prize. All prizes will be awarded during Houston Alumnae Chapter's May Week Celebration Luncheon, Sunday, May 4, 2014.