

The National Day on Writing The National Gallery of Writing

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Students may submit one or more pieces of writing. Although there are page limits for these pieces, quality is far more important than quantity. No late entries will be accepted.

The High School Competition is open to students who will be seniors in fall 2009; each student's entry must be no more than 10 single-spaced pages and will need to be endorsed by a teacher and released by a parent or guardian. Submissions will be accepted online only **March 23–May 1, 2009**.

The College Competition is open to students who will be seniors, juniors, or sophomores in fall 2009. Entries must be no more than 15 single-spaced pages. Submissions will be accepted online only **March 23–May 15, 2009**.

To apply online, visit <http://www.ncte.org/awards/student/nmwa>.

*"Once in a while your hand will write a sentence
that seems true and yet you do not know
where it came from.
It may be one's nicest reward as a writer."*

– Norman Mailer

THE NORMAN MAILER WRITERS COLONY
At Provincetown Massachusetts

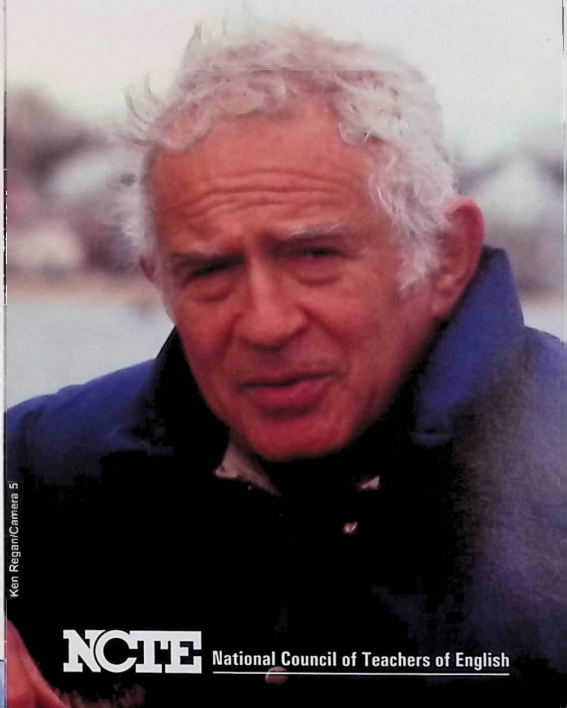
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ABOUT NCTE's NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING/ NATIONAL GALLERY OF WRITING

Americans are writing like never before—through text messages and IMs, with video cameras and cell phones, and, yes, even with traditional pen and paper. Whether it is done in a notebook or on a blog, writing, in its many forms, has become daily practice for millions of Americans.

The National Council of Teachers of English is devoted to improving the teaching and learning of English and the language arts at all levels of education. We invite you to explore and celebrate the integral role writing has in each of our lives by participating in the National Day on Writing/National Gallery of Writing. We encourage participants from many sectors—students, teachers, parents, grandparents, service and industrial workers, managers, business owners, legislators, retirees, and many more—to submit a piece of writing. For more information, visit www.ncte.org/action/dayonwriting.



ABOUT THE NORMAN MAILER WRITERS COLONY

The purpose of the Colony is to nurture the development of future generations of writers by using Norman Mailer's contributions to American culture and letters as a guiding force.

ABOUT THE AWARDS



The Norman Mailer Writers Colony and the National Council of Teachers of English are pleased to invite submissions for the first annual **Norman Mailer High School and College Writing Awards**. National winners in each category will receive a cash award of \$5,000 or \$10,000 to be made on the **National Day**

on Writing at the Norman Mailer National Writing Awards in New York City on October 20, 2009. Runners-up and honorable mention writers will also receive cash awards. National recognition will also be extended to writers whose work earns top scores in early evaluation rounds.

This Year's Category: Creative Nonfiction

Norman Mailer produced extraordinary works in many genres, including the category of this year's award: creative nonfiction. Students may submit work in any of the many subgenres of creative nonfiction: memoir or autobiography, essay, literary journalism, profiles of people or places, and so on. Whatever its type, the best work will be true material presented with compelling literary merit.

Judging Criteria

Submissions will be read by national panels of teachers and writers of creative nonfiction. They will be judged by how well they achieve several qualities, including the artful treatment of true subject matter; originality; quality of insight, voice, and style; artful arrangement of elements and materials; and overall aesthetic, emotional, or intellectual effect. Finalists selected through this process will be submitted to a distinguished author (or panel of authors) selected by the Norman Mailer Writers Colony, who will choose the winning writers.

See back panel for Submission Guidelines

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