

Charleston County: A Community of Readers

HIGH SCHOOL READER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

Charleston County: A Community of Readers (COR) is again sponsoring the annual High School Reader of the Year Essay Program and Award. The purpose of this essay contest is to recognize students who have made reading an important and joyful part of their lives. COR seeks to honor students who have always loved reading as well as students who have a "turn-around" story to share. A winner will be chosen from each of the four grades - 9 through 12. Each winner will receive a \$100.00 cash prize. Honorable Mention winners will also be recognized.

Please submit the following information (with student's name on all materials) in the order listed below:

1. ESSAY

- Submit an essay entitled "What Reading Means to Me" or "My Reading Autobiography"
 - Must be written solely by the student
 - Cannot be a poem or rap song
 - One to two (maximum) pages, typed, 12 font, Times Roman style
 - Must address the variety (genres) of books read
 - Must include estimated amount of time spent per week reading (outside of school)
- Will be judged on effectiveness of language (including spelling/grammar/punctuation), attitude conveyed toward the topic, and creativity

2. LIST OF BOOKS - Include a list of book titles and their authors that you have read during the past year that you would recommend to others.

3. TEACHER LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- One to two (maximum) pages, typed, 12 font, Times Roman style
- Describe the student as a reader including such topics as attitude, habits, interests, and achievements
- Will be judged on the teacher's interpretation of student's attitude toward reading and information included on reading achievement.

Please do not submit scrapbooks, newspaper articles, reading journals or book lists of required reading.

SCORING

Essay = 65%

Book List = 10%

Teacher Recommendation = 25%

COVER SHEET

HIGH SCHOOL READER OF THE YEAR

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Please print clearly:

Student's Name: _____

Male or Female: _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Address: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher's Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Teacher's Email Address: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Parent's Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Parent's E-Mail Address: _____

Deadline Date: March 1, 2012

Send nomination to: Charleston County: A Community of Readers

P.O. Box 21147, Charleston, SC 29403

For Further Information Call 937-7911