



## 2021-2022 NCRA & MCRA Young Authors' Project "Building & Designing the Future"

### THEME & GUIDELINES

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The theme for the Young Authors' Project is "**Building & Designing the Future.**" For this theme, participants are asked to write about the foundations which are behind everything we build or create so that it lasts into the future. This theme can be interpreted and expressed in a variety of ways and can include the following ideas and perspectives:

- Build and design concrete things for a better future.
- Build and design abstract things for a better future.
- Tell how building and designing various things can effect the future (positively or negatively).
- Write about an invention or inventor that has changed the world.
- Design/create a solution for a problem in today's world.
- Tell about your life in the future.
- Describe a new sport/job for the future.
- Discuss and expand on a famous quote about the future.
- Create something new, such as a recipe, super hero, school, medicine, vehicle, or city of the future.

#### GUIDELINES

- ~ All entries must be original creations.
- ~ All writing entries must be typed in the correct format.
- ~ All entries must be submitted to your teacher digitally and as a hardcopy with the completed entry form on the back.
- ~ **All entries must have a COMPLETED legible entry form, including the parent signature and the author signature. Entries without a completed entry form will be disqualified from all judging .**
- ~ Only one writing entry per person, and one person per entry, may be submitted. (*\*NOTE: Authors may also choose to submit for the art contest, but again, may only submit one piece of writing and one piece of art, total.*)
- ~ All entries must be submitted through your teacher and then your school's MCRA Representative.

## Length of Entries

- Grades K-1:** Entries should have no more than 200 words.  
**Grades 2-5:** Entries should have no more than 300 words.  
**Grades 6-8:** Entries should have no more than 400 words.  
**Grades 9-12 and Forever Young:** Entries should have no more than 500 words.

## Forever Young Entries

- Forever Young entries do not count toward the number of entries noted above.
- Adult entries should also be judged first at the local council level and **will be judged at the state level** as described above for all student entries.
- Forever Young authors must be members of NCRA.

## Formatting

All entries should be typed in Times New Roman font:

- Include an original title, typed in bold, 12- point type, with only the first letter of each major word in the title capitalized. Avoid using “Let Your Light Shine” for the title.
- Use 10- point, single-spaced, for the body of the piece.
- Include author information after the body of the piece. Skip two lines and then center the following information in 10-point. Your entry should look like this:

<p><b>Your Title (12 pt. Bold, Centered)</b></p> <p>Story or poem entry. Please follow guidelines for length of writing. (10 pt., Single spaced)</p> <p>Author’s First and Last Name, Grade (numerical) or Forever Young (10 pt., Single spaced, centered) Teacher’s First and Last Name (Teacher: Name) School (entire name)</p>
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**For example:**

<p><b>All About Me!</b></p> <p>Write your prose or poem here. Single space. 10 pt. Times New Roman</p> <p>Sarah Garcia, Grade 4 Teacher: Bob Smith Cameron Elementary</p>
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*If you are unsure the correct format, look back at last year’s County YA book.*

## **Saving entries**

You will submit your entries via your school's MCRA School Representative. Each entry should be saved as follows: the child's grade level (00 for kindergarten, 01 for first, and so on through grade 12, and then Forever Young entries will be labeled 13), then the author's last name and first name. Each author needs to save your entry in your own file and then be sure that your teacher also has a digital copy, saved as below. You also need to submit a hardcopy to your teacher. **DO NOT SAVE YOUR ENTRY WITH YOUR STORY TITLE.** If the student saves it in an unacceptable format, please have them correct it.

**GradeLevel\_LastNameFirstName\_School**

**Here are several examples:**

**Kindergarten:**

**00\_willemsmo\_CAR**

**Fifth Grade:**

**05\_dicamillokate\_SPE**

**Forever Young:**

**13\_jonesjen\_STARS**

### **School abbreviations:**

Aberdeen Elementary -- AE	Pinehurst Elementary -- PE
Cameron Elementary -- CAM	Robbins Elementary -- RE
Carthage Elementary -- CAR	Sandhills Farm Life Elementary -- SFL
Christian Homeschool Educators of the Sandhills -- CHES	Southern Middle -- SM
Crain's Creek Middle -- CCM	Southern Pines Elementary -- SPE
Elise Middle -- EM	St. John Paul II Catholic -- SJPII
Episcopal Day School -- EDS	STARS Charter -- STARS
Highfalls Elementary -- HF	Union Pines High School -- UPHS
Magnolia Hill Christian Academy -- MHCA	The Academy of Moore County -- TAMC
McDeeds Creek Elementary -- MDC	Vass-Lakeview Elementary -- VL
New Century Middle -- NCM	West End Elementary -- WE
North Moore High School -- NMHS	West Pine Elementary -- WPE
Pinecrest High School -- PHS	West Pine Middle -- WPM
	Westmoore Elementary -- WM

*If your school is not listed here, please contact MCRA. [moore.read@hotmail.com](mailto:moore.read@hotmail.com)*