

Creative Book - Format & Rules !!

For this option, high school students (9th-12th) get to utilize their creative side. The book may consist of a book of poetry, a short story or personal memoir. However, these items cannot be submitted in the other categories of poetry, short story and essay too. Students must submit book in the plastic folder specified or one similar, but NO 3-ring binders. These folders are the Classic Presentation Book from Office Max for \$3.49 OR Acco Presentation Book from Office Depot for \$3.59 OR the Cardinal Show File for about \$7.00 from Gobin's (see scans). These folders will help cut down on our shipping costs; entries received in any other manner will not be submitted to the judge.

Students need to make sure they have the following included in their book:

- ✓ A Title page
 - Title page needs to include the title of the book and the student's name.
 - Title page needs to incorporate some type of illustration (an attention getter).
- ✓ 14 pages of writing and illustrations
 - The book minimum is 8 pages and the maximum is 14 pages because of judging volume.
 - Pages must be 8 1/2 x 11 (a standard sheet of paper)
 - The writing may consist of poems, a short story/stories or a memoir, and student must use a Word processing program (typed work is much neater and easier to enjoy)
 - All writing should be the best, original work of the student; in other words, grammar and spell check must be evident.
 - Illustrations need to be the original work of the student or non-copyrighted material, such as Microsoft Clip Art (cut and pasted pictures from the internet will not be accepted).
 - 25% of the book should be illustrated in some fashion.
- ✓ Book must be presented in
 - The report cover – “Presentation Book” see information listed above.
- ✓ Important Information:
 - Original book will be sent to the judge (please make sure the student makes more than one copy of the book because the college will not be liable for any lost or damaged books through the postal service)
 - Book will be on presentation during the week of the Otero Arts Festival; this means many people may be looking through the book. It is imperative that the book is presented in a way that multiple readers will not cause damage, another reason for the presentation book.
 - Books are due on March 2, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. in Humanities Center Room 119. The same date as poetry, short story and essay entries are due.
- ✓ Book Content:
 - All book content must be appropriate language and age subjects. Remember that these books are on display for visitors of all ages to read and enjoy.
 - We reserve the right to disqualify books containing inappropriate language, subject matter and or pictures/graphics.

*Minimum guidelines must be met for Creative Book to be judged.

