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Connecticut Young Writers Competition Seeking Entries in Prose and Poetry; Contest Begins 13th Year

Central, Eastern, Southern, Western Connecticut State Universities to Receive Entries, Winners May be Published in Literary Journal *CT Review*

Teenage writers of prose and poetry from across Connecticut are being encouraged to submit original entries to an annual literary competition which awards winning entrants with cash prizes and the possibility of having their work published in the literary journal *CT Review*.

The literary awards competition, for youngsters ages 13 to 18, is a project of the Connecticut State University System and the Connecticut Young Writers Trust.

The awards competition is specifically designed to encourage young writers and poets throughout Connecticut. During this academic year, two young writers from each of Connecticut's eight counties will win cash awards for either prose or poetry. Entries must be nominated by a teacher in a public or private school, and postmarked on or before **February 1, 2010**. Home school entries are also accepted.



Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic, Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven and Western Connecticut State University in Danbury will receive the initial entries and host county award ceremonies in April 2010. Last year, more than 580 entries were received — the third-largest number in the competition's history.

From the select group of county winners, a distinguished panel of judges will select the state's top poet and writer to be announced at a special awards ceremony next spring. (Last year, the ceremony was held at the Mark Twain House & Museum.) The two winners will each earn an opportunity to be published in *CT Review*, the literary journal of the Connecticut State University System.

For more information, including entry forms, visit www.ct.edu/ctyoungwriters or contact Andy Thibault of the Connecticut Young Writers Trust at (860) 690-0211 or tntcomm82@cs.com.

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