



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Writing/Poster Contest

The Guam Council of the International Reading Association is pleased to announce its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Writing / Poster Contest. The contest will begin on February 6, 2017 and is open to all students in grades K-12 attending Guam's Public, Private, Parochial schools.

The topic for this year is "How can we encourage 'Reading to the Beat?'"

### ELIGIBILITY DIVISION

Elementary School Primary Grades Division A  
(Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> grade) – Poster

Elementary School Primary Grades Division B  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) – Poster

Elementary School Intermediate Grades Division  
(4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Essay

Middle School Division  
(6<sup>th</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) – Essay

High School Division  
(9<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) – Essay

Each Division will have First, Second, and Third place winners

### POSTER GUIDELINES

1. Only 1 entry per student
2. Artwork must be original, and must follow the theme
3. Artwork can be vertical or horizontal
4. Computer-generated artwork or glued-on items will not be accepted.
5. Artwork must be on 8 ½ " x 11" (standard) or up to 22" x 28" (poster).

### ESSAY GUIDELINES

1. Only one entry per student.
2. Essay must be the original work of the writer and must adhere to the theme
3. Essay must not exceed 500 words
4. Essay must be submitted on 8 ½ " x 11" paper, typed-written double-spaced, using a14-point font.
5. No drawing sketches or computer clip art is allowed as part of the essay.

*Teachers are reminded NOT to submit classroom sets of writing, just a few of the best pieces.*

**All entries must be submitted to Rose Marie C. Castro at Bank of Guam, Main Branch, Agana no later than 6:00 P.M. on Friday, March 03, 2017.**

### Entry Information and Deadlines

The following information about the student should be on the back of the last page of the poster or essay:

- first and last name of the student
- school
- age /grade
- first and last name of the parent/guardian
- contact information (phone number or email address).

Any entry not adhering to guidelines or missing author information will be disqualified.

### Judging and Awards

All entries will be judged in five separate categories:

- Elementary Primary Grades: Division A
- Elementary Primary Grades: Division B
- Elementary Intermediate Grades Division
- Middle School Division)
- High School Division

**Poster entries** will be judged on adherence to:

- Theme
- Originality
- Creativity
- Illustration

**Essay entries** will be judge on adherence to:

- Theme
- Originality
- Clarity
- Fluency
- Elaboration
- Grammar
- Spelling

Winners in each division will receive a certificate, movie passes, books, and nylon book bag

For more information about this contest, please contact Rose Marie C. Castro at 688-6377 or by email at [guamreadathon2017@gmail.com](mailto:guamreadathon2017@gmail.com)