

The Eleventh! Annual Creative Writing Contest

\$2,000+ in CASH Grants!



Theme: “We Can Change the World...”

★ **Group Ten Years and Under** (Minimum 200 – Maximum 300 words)

★ **Group 11 – 14 Years** (Minimum 450 – Maximum 550 words)

topic: What can we do to make a better tomorrow?

Share some things we can do to make the world a better place.

★ **Group 15–18 Years** (Minimum 800 – Maximum 900 words)

★ **Group Over 18 Years** (Minimum 950 – Maximum 1,100 words)

What are the changes you would like to see, to make the world a better place?

Our world is seeing a lot of changes. What are the beneficial ones, which ones are harmful? Which changes, from what you have seen, will make things better?

Submission Deadline: Sunday, 12/04/2022, midnight (by email, web upload, postal mail or in person)

Awards Ceremony: Sunday, 01/28/2023 at Dharma Inc. | Live on facebook.com/MyDharmaInc

EVERYONE Gets REWARDED!

<u>GRANTS</u>	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	<u>ALL Entrants</u>
Under 10:	\$50	\$30	\$25	Certificate of participation*
11-14 Yrs.:	\$100	\$70	\$50	Certificate of participation*
15-18 Yrs.:	\$300	\$125	\$85	Certificate of participation*
Over 18:	\$900	\$300	\$100	Certificate of participation*
ANNUALLY	Spiritual Leader's Choice Award			

* Authenticated for school or extra-curricular credit.

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GENERAL RULES

- Entrants must write on the official topic.
- Entry should be composed in standard English.
- Entrants may use a dialect, Hindi or any cultural words, phrases or expressions, but *only* as enhancements.
- Please ensure your Cover Page is COMPLETELY filled out.
- Each entry must contain at least the minimum required word count and should not exceed the maximum. *Verbiage exceeding the maximum word count cannot not be judged.*
- Begin page numbering on the first page of your entry. **Numbering must be done on the bottom right of each page.**
- Please bind/staple/collate your entry: it is in your best interest to do so.
- Please ensure your name appears **only** on the cover page (No names on your entry).

CONTEST REGULATIONS

Entries should comply with the following regulations before submission:

- No literary form other than the one specified for your category will qualify for judging.
- Entries should reflect the entrant's own research and/or writing (no plagiarism).
- **Entries are considered “point of view” which means there is no “correct” or “incorrect” answer. Do not be afraid to express yourself, to agree, disagree, or take a side in your entries. Freely and fearlessly express yourself 😊**
- Entrants may write in, or above their age category - but not below.
- Entries must be typed or hand-written and **lines must be double-spaced**.
- **Categories Ten and Under and Eleven to Fourteen:** Parental assistance must not be to the extent that it constitutes an unfair advantage to the entrant. ALL Entrants must sufficiently demonstrate that they have composed their entries in order to qualify for placement.

ALL ENTRANTS should ensure:

- You are competing in only one (1) category.
- **You have attached a completed cover page with your submission.**
- Your entry pages are numbered and do not contain your name.
- You submit your entry by **email, upload or hard copy**.
- If you are submitting by email: info@Dharmainc.net or swahainternational@gmail.com
- Your entry can be UPLOADED via Dharmainc.net or Swahainternational.org websites.

- If submitting **hard/paper copies**, please ensure:
You submit **THREE (3) hard copies** of your entry to: *(only if mailing)*
Dharma Inc. International or **Swaha International**
851 W Donegan Avenue, **19 Chotoo Street, Aranguéz,**
Kissimmee, FL 34741 **Trinidad & Tobago, West Indies**

IF HAND DELIVERING:

Please hand deliver **THREE (3) hard copies** to
EITHER a member of the CWC Team at Dharma Inc. or Swaha International
OR your School or Mandir Representative

Your entry must be received or postmarked **on or before Sunday, December 4th 2022.**

JUDGING

- Judging will be by a panel of three.
- **To guarantee fairness, no identifiable information about the entrant will be available to the Judges.**
- Entries will be scored according to the provided rubric. **IT IS IN YOUR INTEREST to follow the rubric when composing your entry.**
- The entrant with the highest cumulative score will be declared the winner.
- Second and third places will be awarded for second and third highest cumulative scores respectively.

~~~ GENERAL WRITING GUIDE ~~~

Grammar:

How well the entry conforms to rules and standards of English grammar, punctuation and spelling. Appropriate language style (story, poetry or entry) for your entry type.

Presentation:

The overall presentation of the entry, writing style, double spacing, writing structure, logical flow and the progression of ideas, references, whether conclusions follow sequentially and logically from arguments. **SPECIFICALLY ANSWERING THE QUESTION of the topic.**

Content:

ENTRIES:

- Age appropriate knowledge.
- Evidence of independent ideas, experiences, creativity, analysis and a thesis, if applicable.
- Must contain an opinion and/or point(s) of view.
- Stay in the **FIRST PERSON** point of view (make yourself the narrator).
- Pay particular attention to support your point of view with words and phrases such as (but not limited to): 'because', 'as a result of', 'if' and 'then', 'therefore', 'in light of', 'it is evident', 'I submit that...', 'in conclusion'
- If using references or statistics: Please cite sources (book, journal or webpage) in standard reference formats, i.e. footnotes or endnotes.

*** RUBRIC ***

A rubric will be provided – Judges will mark your entries **BASED ON THE RUBRIC.**

AWARDS:

In the ELEVENTH edition, awards will be offered as follows:

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All awards should be claimed in person on the appointed date and time. If it is not possible to do so and you desire a representative to claim on your behalf this arrangement must be made, beforehand, with Dharma Inc.'s or SWAHA International's consent.
- Please contact your LOCAL/COUNTRY host to arrange award receipt. Additionally, one may contact Dharma Inc. at info@Dharmainc.net at anytime for award guidance.
- Dharma Inc. may publish selected entries on its media portals, with credit to entrants.
- Awards must be claimed within 120 days of announcement of winners on **01/28/2023**.
- Cash awards will be paid in the currency of the recipients' country of residence, at the currency conversion rate on the day of disbursement.
- Judges' decision is final
- **BEST OF LUCK FROM CWC!** 😊