



American Red Cross

Youth

Writing Contest

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Today's youth will be tomorrow's heroes. The American Red Cross 2008 Heroes Breakfast will honor youths' creativity with a writing contest featuring essays, short stories and poetry. Twelve local youth will have their work recognized at the Heroes Breakfast on Friday, April 11, 2008, and will each receive \$300 in U.S. Savings Bonds (a total of \$3,600 awarded) for education.

The Youth Writing Contest is open to students in grades K-12 in Sangamon, Christian, Logan, Menard, Macoupin and Montgomery counties. Entries must be original essays, short stories or poetry and be no more than 800 words. Entries are to be typed or handwritten in blue or black ink (no pencil). All entries must include student's name, school name, grade, and contact information.

Please mark all entries "Youth Writing Contest."

Deadline is Friday, February 29, 2008.

TOPICS FOR THE CONTEST

Grades K-4: I know a Hero

Grades 5-8: A Hero in my family

Grades 9-12: An imaginary conversation: which three heroes, past or present, would you like to bring together for a discussion? Why?

Entries must be received by Friday, February 29, 2008

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