

SARAH MARIE PACK WRITING AWARD

“As in Art... be Daring, Avant-Garde, Guerilla, Creative, and Innovative.”
-Ann Marie “Jade” Bryan

Purpose

In the spirit of Sarah Marie Pack, we offer this Writing Award for the most outstanding essay on one of the following topics:

“As a Deaf person, what does it mean to be a leader in a hearing society and what changes can we contribute?”

How do we best promote respect for human rights and the growth of freedom and justice?

The winning essay will not only demonstrate excellent grammar and composition but also best demonstrate the spirit of the quote on the top of this page: the most daring, avant-garde, guerilla, creative, and innovative ideas are encouraged and welcomed. Think out of the box, think about diversity, think about creativity. Own your ideas. We want the non-traditional!

This Writing Award is dedicated to the memory of Sarah Marie Pack, a young Deaf writer who encouraged others to achieve their dreams. Sadly, she died before her own promise was realized; she leaves a legacy in the community that mourns her.

Judging

The Sarah Marie Pack Writing Award will be judged by a committee of impartial Deaf writers and community workers selected by MICA’s Executive. Winners will be announced at the MICA Runway 2008 Event. **\$500 cash prizes will be announced.**

Rules

Genre: Essay

Length and style: **All entries must be typed.** 1,000 Words or five double-spaced pages. We prefer Times New Roman 12 point for ease of reading by our judges. All entries must be typed/printed on 8 1/2” by 11” paper with 1” margins. All pages must be numbered with the essay title and author’s name at the top of each page. Please spell-check and grammar-check your essay. Essays that do not conform to these basic rules may not be considered for the Writing Award.

Eligibility: Entrants must be 13-20, Deaf or hard-of-hearing, and a resident of the 50 States. **College students welcome!**

Deadline: **May 5th, 2008**

Submit to: **SARAH MARIE PACK WRITING AWARD**
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