



The Texas Book Festival and the University Interscholastic League present the 9th annual

## Texas Book Festival Fiction Contest

### About the Contest

Texas students in grades 7-12 are invited to submit a piece of original fiction, no more than 2,000 words in length on the 2010 theme "Goodbye to All That." Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each division. First place winners will be honored at the 2010 Texas Book Festival, where they will read their compositions in a public Festival session at the Texas State Capitol. The winning entries will also be published on the Texas Book Festival web site.

### Contest Rules

- 1) Students must enter in one of three divisions: Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 or Grades 11-12. Authors enter the division for which they were a student during the 2009-2010 academic year.
- 2) There is no entry fee. All entries must be accompanied by a contest entry form (at right) signed by a teacher-sponsor.
- 3) Entries must be no longer than 2,000 words, 12 point type, double-spaced, and written on the 2010 theme: "Goodbye to All That." Please include an automated word count at the end of your entry.
- 4) Submit entries by July 2, 2010 via fax (512.322.0722) or email in microsoft word format ([blair@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:blair@texasbookfestival.org)). Schools are limited to three entries per division.
- 5) Judges are Texas writers who have presented at the Texas Book Festival, or who will be presenting in 2010. Judges will look for excellence in use of dialogue, imagery, character development, setting, plot, conflict and resolution.
- 6) Winners will be notified by October 2010.

For more information, contact Blair Newberry: [blair@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:blair@texasbookfestival.org). Applications are available at [www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) or [www.uil.utexas.edu](http://www.uil.utexas.edu)

# Goodbye To All That

## 2010 Fiction Writing Contest Entry Form

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade Level during 2009-2010 Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the entry attached to this form is my original work. I have read and agree to all Contest Rules. \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature

I give permission for this entry, along with my child's name, to be published by the UIL and the Texas Book Festival in electronic and printed form.

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Parent or Guardian's Signature

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Date

Fax (512.322.0722) or email ([blair@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:blair@texasbookfestival.org)) your entry by July 2, 2010. Questions: 512.477.3295