



## Texas Book Festival

The University Interscholastic League and the Texas Book Festival  
are sponsoring the seventh annual

# Fiction Writing Contest

Texas junior high and high school students are invited to submit a piece of original fiction, no more than 2,000 words in length, to be judged by Texas authors appearing at the 2008 Texas Book Festival in Austin, Nov. 1-2. Winners will be invited to receive their awards at the Festival's opening session in the House Chamber in the Texas State Capitol the morning of Saturday, Nov. 1. Winners will be honored at the Festival's opening session in the House Chamber of the Texas State Capitol the morning of Saturday, Nov. 1 and will read from their winning entries later that day during the Festival.

Entries should focus on the theme, "Last Man Standing."

Judges will look for excellence in use of dialogue,  
character development, setting, plot, conflict and resolution.

Entries should be submitted as a Word documents, e-mailed to [uil@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:uil@texasbookfestival.org) by July 1, 2008. A teacher-sponsor should sign the contest entry form and fax it to 512/322-0722 when the entry is e-mailed. Entries should be submitted in 12-point type, double-spaced, and cannot be longer than 2,000 words. Each entry should be titled. Entries will be submitted in three divisions: Grades 7-8; Grades 9-10; Grades 11-12. Schools are limited to three entries per division. Deadline for receipt: July 1, 2008. There is no entry fee.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers per division.

First place winners will be invited to Austin  
for the Texas Book Festival to be honored at the Festival and to read from their winning entries.

Their winning entries will also be published  
on the Texas Book Festival Web site  
[www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org) <<http://www.texasbookfestival.org/>>

To view the 2007 winning entries, go to  
[http://www.texasbookfestival.org/childrens\\_chapter/UII.php](http://www.texasbookfestival.org/childrens_chapter/UII.php)

For additional information, contact  
Bobby Hawthorne • [bhawthorne@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:bhawthorne@mail.utexas.edu)  
Entry forms are posted on the UIL's Web site and the Texas Book Festival Web site.



# 'Last Man Standing'

## FICTION WRITING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

E-mail your entry as a Word document to [uil@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:uil@texasbookfestival.org) by noon, July 1, 2008. This signed entry form must be faxed to 512/322-0722 by noon, July 1, 2008.

Students may enter in one of three divisions:

7-8 division

9-10 division

11-12 division

If you submit this form during the summer, please check the box of the grade division the student will enter in the fall of 2008.

Word maximum: 2000 words; 12 point type; double-spaced.

Schools are limited to three entries per division

Do not mail entries to the Texas Book Festival or the UIL.

Entries must be e-mailed as a Word document to [uil@texasbookfestival.org](mailto:uil@texasbookfestival.org).

Deadline for receipt: July 1, 2008

Copy this form for each separate entry. Tape this form to the upper-left corner of the back of each entry. No staples. If you're a winner, this form is used to prepare your award certificate and your listing in the awards announcement. Be accurate in spelling and punctuation. Print or type CLEARLY. Winners will be notified by Oct. 1, 2008.

Title of entry \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the student who created entry \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

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

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

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

I certify that the entry attached to this form is that of the student and is an original piece of fiction by the student. I give permission for this entry to be published by the UIL, the Texas Council of Teachers of English or the Texas Book Festival, either in electronic or printed form, as an example of superior student work.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_