



*SHARE YOUR STORY – SHARE YOUR DREAM*

**ILLUSTRATED BOOK ENTRY FORM AND COVER SHEET**

**This form must be attached to the book as a coversheet.**

Writer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Writer's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Contact Information – daytime phone or e-mail address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

(Your signature verifies that the above-named child has your permission to enter this contest. You agree on behalf of the child that this organization may reproduce his/her entry without payment to the child, other than any prize(s) (s)he may be awarded. You verify that the submitted book is the original work of your child.)

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

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Book abstract (1 paragraph summary of plot):

Take 190 West Student Writing Contest:

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Book Title:

Contest Rules:

- This form must be attached to your book as a cover page.
- Your name, your parent or guardian's name and your age should appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page of the story.
- Entries must be legible.
- Stories must be submitted in English.
- The book must be illustrated using media of your choice.
- Maximum book length is 1,000 words.
- Contest is open to all children in Grades 4 and 5 in the Killeen Independent School District.
- Entries are the property of Altrusa International, Inc. of Central Texas and will not be returned to student.
- The content of each entry will remain the intellectual property of its creator, but permission is granted to the *Take 190 West Festival* organizers and the *City of Killeen* to display the entry in its entirety during the *2012 Take 190 West Festival* and to use excerpts of the entry for the purpose of advertising future writing contests associated with the *Take 190 West Festival* for a period of up to 5 years.
- Children who are the child or grandchild of a member of the *Take 190 West Festival Steering Committee* or of the sponsoring *Altrusa International, Inc. of Central Texas Club* are not eligible to participate in this contest,
- Deadline for entry is December 16, 2011.

**Tips:**

- Most books are built around a central element like a conflict, discovery or event.
- Books generally have a distinct beginning, middle and end.
- The central character(s) should change or grow in some way
- Have a friend or family member read and critique your book so that you can see which areas need to be developed more.
- The best way to catch errors is to have at least two people proofread your book.
- Be proud of the effort you have put into writing! Many people want to write a book but never make the effort to do so.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three books in each category.

The two categories are:

- Book written/illustrated by one individual
- Collaborative effort book written/illustrated by 2-5 individuals

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The organizers of the *Take 190 West Festival* wish to express their sincere gratitude to the Altrusa members for their support of the art of fine writing.