

# *National Writing Project in New Hampshire One Pen Can Change the World Contest*

**CONTEST DEADLINE:** *Entries must be submitted by midnight on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

All entries should be emailed to [onepencontest@gmail.com](mailto:onepencontest@gmail.com)

**Teachers, please include the following information for each entry in your email:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Option # \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission \_\_\_\_\_

**Please also include in the body of the email:**

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pledge of Originality: I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the entries I am submitting to the One Pen Can Change the World Contest are the students' own original work.

Teacher's electronic signature \_\_\_\_\_

Attach entries as word documents in your email to [onepencontest@gmail.com](mailto:onepencontest@gmail.com)

Winners will be notified by May 22, 2017.

The celebration for the One Pen Contest is scheduled for May 31st, 2017 at the Plymouth State University Graduate Center at 2 Pillsbury Street in Concord.



National Writing Project  
in New Hampshire  
*because writing matters*

## ONE PEN CAN CHANGE THE WORLD CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The contest is open to all students grades 6-12 in New Hampshire schools.
2. An entry form must accompany each entry. **Teachers should send all the entries from their classes together.** We suggest a \$5 donation per submission if possible. We stress that this is not required for the work to be considered.
3. All entries must be original work responding one of these prompts:

*In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., penned “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” addressing the injustice of racial segregation. His words roused a nation to change its laws. Think about an injustice/unfairness that you see in our lives today.*

*OPTION 1: Write your own “Letter from...” that addresses an injustice/unfairness you’d like to change.*

*OPTION 2: Write about a current event that affects you personally. What do you think should be done in response to this event?*

*OPTION 3: How do you define fairness or justice? Tell a story from your life about a time when you thought you or someone you know was treated unfairly.*

4. Maximum word limits: 500 words (grades 6-8); 750 words (grades 9-12).
5. Written work must be submitted online to our email address: [onepencontest@gmail.com](mailto:onepencontest@gmail.com). All entry information should be included in the email itself. No identifying information should be on the document.
6. No family member of an NWPNH judge may enter the contest.
7. **DEADLINE: All entries must be sent by May 12, 2017.**
8. Winners will be announced May 22, 2017. Teachers of winners will be notified.
9. The winners and runners up in each grade-level division, 6-8, 9-12, will be read at a ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at the PSU graduate center in Concord where all winning students and their teachers will receive an award and a prize.