



DepED MEMORANDUM  
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2007 PEN AWARDS

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Schools

1. The Reader's Digest Philippines, Inc. in partnership with Pilot Pens represented by Cosmos Bazar, Inc. in the Philippines, shall conduct the Pen Awards 2007, an English Essay Writing Competition.
2. The contest aims to encourage creativity through writing in schools and motivate aspiring young writers to hone their skills.
3. The theme for this year's contest is "My Best Friend". Students are invited to contribute short, non-fiction articles that offer their insights, thoughts and or personal accounts of about the person/s they consider as their closest best friend. It could be about an experience shared, lessons they learned from the person/s, an unforgettable event or insight about or from the person which significantly affected their lives. The article may be funny, moving, interesting, offbeat - something that will move, inspire and engage readers.
4. The contest is open to young Filipino students, 10 to 16 years of age.
5. The guidelines of the contest are enclosed. All entries must be submitted to and received by Readers' Digest Philippines on or before January 31, 2007.
6. For more information, please contact the Reader's Digest Philippines (Attn.: Ms. Marianne Sabillo, Advertising Assistant) at tel. no. (632) 725-9001 to 02 or at e-mail address: Marianne\_Sabillo@readersdigest.com.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

*R. C. Bacani*  
**RAMON C. BACANI**  
Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: DepED Memorandum: No. 382, s. 2005  
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CONTESTS

STUDENTS



**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader's Digest Philippines  
PEN AWARDS**

**Concept:**

An English essay-writing competition open to young students from Philippine schools, 10 to 16 years of age.

**Objectives:**

To encourage creativity through writing in schools and motivate aspiring young writers to hone their skills.

**Criteria:**

**THEME: "My Best Friend"**

Students are invited to contribute short, non-fiction articles that offer their insights, thoughts and/or personal accounts of about the person/s they consider as their closest, best friend. It could be about an experience shared, lessons they learned from the person/s, an unforgettable event or insight about or from the person which significantly affected their lives. The article may be funny, moving, interesting, offbeat – something that will move, inspire and engage readers.

**Maximum Length : 1000 words**

**Contest Period : November 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007**

**Closing Date : January 31, 2007**

**Announcement of Winners : March 1, 2007**

**Submission of Entries :**

All essays must be typed and double spaced and accompanied by a cover page containing the following information:

Name:

Age:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Name of School:

Entries should be sealed in a brown envelope and sent to the address below:

**"The Reader's Digest Philippines Pen Awards"**

Attn : Marianne Sabillo

Reader's Digest Philippines

1004 Jafer Place Eisenhower Street

Greenhills, San Juan, Metro Manila

1503 Philippines

For inquiries : 725 9001 to 02

E-mail : [Marianne\\_Sabillo@readersdigest.com](mailto:Marianne_Sabillo@readersdigest.com)

All submissions will not be returned and all decisions made by panel of judges will be final. Reader's Digest reserves the rights to all submitted articles including editing and reusing in any form.

Winning entries may be selected to be published in the world's most widely read magazine, Reader's Digest in its English Asia edition, to be shared with millions of readers across Asia. This will be at the discretion of Reader's Digest editors.

Rules and regulations are subject to changes by the organizers.

**PRIZES:**

**First Prize**

"The Reader's Digest Philippines Pen Awards" plaque and a Reader's Digest book worth P3,000 to winning school. Winner gets P7,500 cash, the "Reader's Digest Philippines Pen Awards" plaque, P2,000 worth of sponsor's products, and a Reader's Digest English magazine one-year subscription.

**Second Prize**

"The Reader's Digest Philippines Pen Awards" plaque and a Reader's Digest book worth P2,000 to winning school. Winner gets P5,000 cash, the "Reader's Digest Philippines Pen Awards" plaque, P1,500 worth of sponsor's products, a Reader's Digest English magazine one year subscription.

**Third Prize**

"The Reader's Digest Philippines Pen Awards" plaque and a Reader's Digest book worth P1,000 to winning school. Winner gets P2,500 cash, the "Reader's Digest Philippines Pen Awards" plaque, P1,000 worth of sponsor's products, a Reader's Digest English magazine one year subscription.

The first 25 entries short-listed for final judging will receive P500 worth of sponsor's products and a Reader's Digest special gift.