

Young Authors Cover Design Criteria

2019-2020

Theme: *The Magical Power of Words*

As part of the NCRA Young Authors Project, students may submit an original design for the cover of the winning entries publication. All young artists who would like to submit a cover design must follow the NCRA Young Author Cover Design Criteria and complete the Entry Form to be eligible for state judging.

Criteria for the Cover Design:

1. Must be drawn by hand or with computer tools—**no** photographs, stock photos, tracing, or graphics
2. Must be on blank, white 8½ by 11 inch piece of paper
3. Should clearly address the theme
4. Color may be used
5. Originality and creativity are key components for judging
6. Any lettering and/or words should be neatly and clearly drawn/written
7. Leave a 1 inch blank border on all sides of the paper
8. **Should not** have artist's name on design—artist will be recognized on inside of book.
9. Must be sponsored by an NCRA Member
10. The original hard-copy submission must be mailed to the NCRA president **or** brought by a local YA judge/chair to state judging in January to be judged
11. The entry form must accompany the original artwork to state judging
12. NCRA recommends keeping a copy of the original at the local level

*** Any submission without a completed entry form will be **disqualified** from judging. ***

Please paperclip the Entry Form (next page) on top of each submission. No staples please!

Moore County judging is November 16, 2019 for all writing and cover art, and must be submitted through your school MCRA Representative. Please check with your teacher for your school's deadline for entries because it will be much earlier than the County judging deadline.