

**Big Sandy Community & Technical College
Lincoln Bicentennial Committee
Student Contest
Fall 2008**

This contest is sponsored by the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Library with assistance from the Big Sandy CTC Lincoln Bicentennial Committee, The Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, The Prestonsburg Rotary Club and the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

Theme

The theme of the contest is Lincoln's Legacy: A Test of Endurance

Purpose

The purpose of the contest is to give students an opportunity to reflect upon the legacy of Abraham Lincoln in commemoration of his two hundredth birthday. Participants will create an original entry consisting of an essay, poem or work of art.

Awards

Awards will be given to the student achieving the highest score based on the scoring rubric for each of the three categories. Each entry (essay, poetry or art) will be judged separately by qualified judges. First place winner in each category will receive a laptop computer. Honorable Mention winners in each category will receive an iPod.

Winners will be announced during an awards ceremony on February 12, 2009.

Entry Requirements:

Students who are currently enrolled with Big Sandy Community and Technical College as his or her home college are eligible to participate. All entries must be accompanied by an official entry form which is available in the library or on the library website.

Section I - General Rules

- Contestants must compose an original essay, poem or work of art. Each student may submit one entry for the contest.
- All entries must be completed by one individual.
- All entries must be accompanied by a process paper. This process paper will describe the research process and cite a minimum of three sources. The process paper must be at least 250 words.
- Each student must consult with a full-time Big Sandy CTC faculty member of his or her choice. The faculty member should review the entry and sign the contest entry form after the consultation.
- All entries must be turned in to the Big Sandy CTC Library on the Prestonsburg, Pikeville or Mayo campus on or before December 2, 2008.

Section II - Qualifications for Contestants

- All students currently enrolled (Fall 2008) with Big Sandy CTC as the home college are eligible for this contest.
- Student must be enrolled in the spring 2009 semester in order to be selected as a winner.
- Employees of Big Sandy CTC or KCTCS are not eligible for this contest.

Section III - Contest Rules

Essay Contest

- The essay must be written in English.
- The essay must reflect the official topic.
- Each essay must be research based and must contain at least two references. These may be references used in the process paper. All references, quotations and copyrighted material used in the essay must be identified properly using either MLA, APA or Chicago style format. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.
- Each essay must reflect the contestant's own research, writing and original thinking.
- The essay must be type-written and double-spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman font, and one inch margins.
- The essay must consist of at least 800 words but no more than 1600 words.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a 250 word process paper and must cite a minimum of three academic resources used for research.

Poetry Contest

- The poem must be written in English.
- The poem must reflect the official topic.
- The poem must reflect the contestant's own writing and original thinking.
- The poem must be type-written and double-spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman font, and one inch margins.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a 250 word process paper and the must cite a minimum of three academic resources used for research.

Art Contest

- The art work can be any format.
- The art work must reflect the official topic.
- The art work must be original.
- Each entry must be accompanied by a 250 word process paper and the must cite a minimum of three academic resources used for research.

Section IV – Judging

- Judging will be completed by a panel of qualified judges.