

**Leadership in Writing Bee – 2005**  
**Intermediate Level - Grades 6 thru 8**  
**Factors to be judged upon**

**Leadership**

Creativity: Presents novel ideas that are highly original, even if they are controversial, both in approach and treatment of the topic.

Out of the box thinking: Evidence of innovative ways of thinking. Writer avoids rear-view mirror of the world & dreams outside the box.

Quick on the feet: Writer is clearly on task and presents ideas clearly, concisely, and sharply connects to the topic.

Persuasive: Evidence of convincing and coherent line of argument.

**Communication**

Introduction & conclusion: Both the introduction and conclusion are specific, elegant, and unified.

Articulation: Articulates in ways that captivates the audience.

Clarity: Presence of clarity and effectiveness of style and coherence of the piece.

**Subject Knowledge**

Scope: Clear evidence of both breadth and depth of the topic. Essay is not very superficial. Each point is supported by evidence or examples.

Presentation: Structure is logical and easy to determine. In addition, transitions connect points and demonstrate how each point builds on those that have come before.

Focus: Does not lose focus on the main topic when expanding or elaborating it.

**Language**

Organization: Each body paragraph has a topic sentence that makes a compelling point and relates the paragraph to the argument as a whole.

Integration: Each paragraph unifies, and each point is developed as far as it can possibly go without endangering the coherence of the essay.

Quality: Writing style is elegant and correct, with no grammar or verb tense errors, word choice problems, or banal, overused expressions