

Application Form

20th Annual INTO/EBS
Handwriting Competition 2012



Dear Staff Representative,

We are delighted to announce the launch of the 2012 INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition. This is the 20th year of our collaboration with our sponsors, EBS, celebrating handwriting and recognising the talent of primary school children in this area. During the course of the 2012 competition, watch and listen out for special events promoting the 20 year celebration, including a week long radio promotion on 2FM's breakfast with Hector.

Over the last 20 years, the competition has continued to be a success and we hope that the number of entries will rise again this year as a result of the additional promotion. Our aim is to celebrate the skill of handwriting and the competition will be judged on neatness, style, flair and layout of the handwriting. To help increase awareness and to promote the competition, we have enclosed a poster for your school notice board.

EBS stresses its links with families, and accordingly we are again this year calling on entrants to write a piece of prose or a poem about their family or alternatively copy a piece connected to family in some way.

Details on how to enter the competition and application forms are enclosed. An application form should be affixed to the back of each handwriting entry. **We ask that you please take particular note of the guidelines for each category in order to introduce uniformity and to keep the competition fair. Entries that do not adhere to the correct guidelines will not be considered for judging.** Unfortunately each year a large number of entries cannot be considered for judging for this reason.

We kindly request that the parents/guardians of children participating in the two categories for special recognition for achievement in handwriting (F&G) are informed and are aware that their child has been entered into these particular categories. Please ensure that the parents/guardians sign the enclosed consent form and the teacher completes a short citation as outlined in the competition rules.

The competition will be launched in the January/February 2012 InTouch magazine and further information is available at www.into.ie.

If you have a query regarding any aspect of the competition please contact Erin McGann in INTO Head Office at (01) 804 7783 or contact your local INTO Co-ordinator (list enclosed).

Yours sincerely,



Noel Ward
Deputy General Secretary



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Please photocopy this form and stick it to the back of each entry. Schools with an enrolment of 200 pupils or less should submit the three best entries from each category and schools with an enrolment of 201 and upward should submit the six best entries from each category. Entries must reach your local co-ordinator by Friday 24th February 2012.



Pupil's Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

School Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

County: _____

District _____

Category: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Contact Telephone Numbers: M: _____ H: _____

I confirm that I have read the rules for each category and abide by them.

Teacher's Signature: _____



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I confirm that I have read the rules for each category and abide by them.

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**Parental Consent Form
for Category F**

This category provides special recognition for achievement in handwriting for children with a physical disability which impinges on their handwriting ability.

I (PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME) _____

consent to my child (NAME) _____

participating in Category F in the INTO/EBS Handwriting competition.



Please return this signed form to your child's teacher as soon as possible please.
If you have any queries in relation to the Handwriting Competition please contact Erin McGann in INTO Head Office at (01) 804 7783.

**Parental Consent Form
for Category G**

This category provides special recognition for achievement in handwriting for children with a learning disability which impinges on their handwriting ability.

I (PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME) _____

consent to my child (NAME) _____

participating in Category G in the INTO/EBS Handwriting competition.



Please return this signed form to your child's teacher as soon as possible please.
If you have any queries in relation to the Handwriting Competition please contact Erin McGann in INTO Head Office at (01) 804 7783.



The INTO and EBS are delighted to launch the Annual INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition. The competition is open to all schools and entries will be judged on style, flair, neatness and layout of the handwriting.

Competition Rules for Teachers and Pupils

1. The text must have a **family theme** - entrants have the option to write a piece of prose or a poem about their own family or copy a piece connected to family in some way.
2. Please complete and attach securely (no paperclips or staples) the application form to the **back** of each entry. Each entry **must** include the completed application form. Entries from **Categories F & G must include both the citation and the signed parental consent form**
3. Schools with an enrolment of **201 pupils or more** should submit only the **six** best entries in each of the categories. Schools with an enrolment of **200 pupils or less** should submit only the **three** best entries in each category to the coordinator.
4. The focus is solely on handwriting therefore no pictures or illustrations will be accepted.
5. Please do not mount the handwriting entries, winning entries will be mounted by the coordinator prior to the prize-giving ceremonies.
6. Foreign languages are included in the competition.
7. Adhere to paper sizes, use templates or similar copybook page for Junior & Senior Infants categories and use only one side of the sheet of paper.
8. Adhere to the word limit in each category.
9. Entries cannot be returned to the schools.
10. Entries must reach the local coordinator by **Friday 24th February 2012**. Late entries will not be judged.

Category Guidelines

Category A – Junior Infants

Up to 20 words permitted, use pencil only. Use a photocopy of your choice of template or page from similar copybook.

Category B – Senior Infants

Up to 20 words permitted, use pencil only. Use a photocopy of your choice of template (see attached template) or page from similar copybook.

Category C – 1st & 2nd Classes

Up to 100 words permitted, single A4 sheet or foolscap paper ruled, pencil only.

Category D – 3rd & 4th Classes

Up to 150 words permitted, single A4 sheet or foolscap paper ruled, pen or pencil.

Category E – 5th & 6th Classes

Up to 200 words permitted, single A4 sheet or foolscap paper ruled, pen only.

Category F – Special Recognition for achievement in handwriting for children with a **Physical Disability** which impinges on handwriting ability.
Category G – Special Recognition for achievement in handwriting for children with a **Learning Disability** which impinges on handwriting ability.

The following applies to

Categories F & G:

- Up to 50 words, single A4 sheet or foolscap paper ruled, pen or pencil.
- Teachers **must** include a short citation of no more than 50 words to accompany each piece stating the reason for this nomination.
- Teachers **must** also confirm that the pupil's parents have been informed that their child is being entered in this category and parental consent has been given. The signed parental consent form **must** accompany the entry. (see attached parental consent form)

Entries that do not adhere to all the specified criteria will not be considered for judging.

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