



## **2016 Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest (YWC) –**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Who is eligible to participate as a writer in the project?**

The Dr. Jean Mosee YWC is open to students currently enrolled in DC public, charter or private schools in grades 8 through 12. Those under the age of eighteen will need the written permission of a parent or guardian to participate. All participants must submit a valid permission to publish document.

- **Who will judge the competition?**

Judges will be selected by the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Inc. Submissions will be judged taking into account, creativity, clarity, originality, logical and effective organization.

- **Will there be awards for the winners?**

Yes, cash and other prizes will be offered to first, second and third place winners in middle school and in high school.

- **What will happen to writer submissions once they are presented to the YWC?**

All submissions will be reviewed by Links chapter members to ensure that all literary pieces conform to the stated guidelines. Once determined they conform with YWC requirements, submissions will be rated by the panel of judges.

The three winning entries for middle school and the three winning entries for high school students will each earn prizes, receive a certificate of participation, and will be featured on the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of the Links, Inc. web site.

- **What is the timeline for submissions?**

For consideration, all submissions must be received by **Friday, February 5, 2016 by 8:00 pm.**

- **Where should submissions be sent?**

Submissions should be emailed to: [STY@metroclinks.org](mailto:STY@metroclinks.org).