

# *One Pen Can Change the World* Contest Entry Form

CONTEST DEADLINE: *Entries must be postmarked by February 28, 2014.*

**Please Print:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Option # \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge of Originality: I declare that the entry I am submitting to the One Pen Can Change the World Contest is my own original work.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Staple completed entry form to entry and mail to:

One Pen Can Change the World Contest  
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## ONE PEN CAN CHANGE THE WORLD CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The contest is open to all students grades k-12 in New Hampshire schools.
2. An entry form must accompany each entry. **Teachers should send all the entries from their classes together.** We suggest a \$5 donation per submission if possible. We stress that this is not required for the work to be considered.

3. All entries must be original work responding one of these prompts:

*In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr., penned “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” addressing the injustice of racial segregation. His words roused a nation to change its laws. Think about an injustice/unfairness that you see in our lives today.*

*OPTION 1: Write your own “Letter from...” that addresses an injustice/unfairness you’d like to change.*

*OPTION 2: Write a letter to someone whose words have had an impact on the world or on you personally.*

*OPTION 3: How do you define fairness or justice? Tell a story from your life about a time when you thought you or someone you know was treated unfairly.*

4. Maximum word limits: 150 words (grades K-2); 350 words (grades 3-5); 500 words (grades 6-8); 750 words (grades 9-12).
5. Written work must be either typed or neatly written. A completed entry form should be attached to the front.
6. No family member of an NWPNH judge may enter the contest.
7. **DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked by February 28, 2014.**
8. Winners will be announced March 31, 2014. Teachers of winners will be notified.
9. The top entry in each grade-level division, K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, will be read at a ceremony on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the PSU graduate center in Concord where all winning students and their teachers will receive an award.