

# 2017 *Signal Grace* \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST Application Form



**PERSON PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIP:** T. M. Yates, American Author

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$1,000

**NUMBER OF AWARDS AVAILABLE:** 1

**DEADLINE:** August 10, 2017

**HOW TO APPLY:** Read the book *Signal Grace*. Then choose one of the following options:

**Option 1: Creative expression.** You may create and submit whatever you want related to the book *Signal Grace*. For example, your entry could be a sculpture, a series of photographs, a painting, a piece of music, a YouTube video, or even something made from Play-Doh or Legos. The only limit is your imagination. Your entry must be your original work. When considering, designing and/or creating your entry, ensure that your comprehensive knowledge of the book *Signal Grace* is made evident in the final product. Given the broad nature of this option, you may also include a one page description to clearly explain how the entry relates to your experience reading and/or your understanding of the book *Signal Grace*.

**Option 2: Poem(s).** Write one or more poems related to the book *Signal Grace*. You may submit up to three total pages of poetry. Make your comprehensive understanding of the book evident. For example, the poem(s) could be about the book as a whole, certain scenes or themes within it, and/or your personal reflections on it.

**Option 3: Free write essay.** Demonstrate your comprehensive understanding of the book *Signal Grace* and write about what you want to discuss, examine, compare, and/or contrast in 500 – 1000 words. Be sure to relate it, in some manner, to your own life.

**WHERE TO APPLY:** Submit your entry and this signed application form via email or standard mail to one of the addresses listed on Page 3. Complete submissions must be received (email) or postmarked (standard mail) on or before **11:59 PM (ET) on August 10, 2017**.

**BACKGROUND:** Announced and funded by T. M. Yates, an American author, the *Signal Grace* Scholarship Contest is an annual scholarship opportunity designed to encourage creativity and support talented American students. More information, including a list of past winners and any updates to the current contest, can be found at [www.tmyates.com](http://www.tmyates.com).



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**Send required submission (entry and signed application form) to:**

**EMAIL:**

[signalgracecontest@outlook.com](mailto:signalgracecontest@outlook.com)

SUBJECT LINE: The Signal Grace Scholarship Contest <or>

**STANDARD MAIL:**

The Signal Grace Scholarship Contest

P.O. Box 554

Hartwood, VA 22471

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**The Fine Print:**

**RULES.** Each individual student who applies (“Applicant”) to this scholarship contest (“Contest”) must create an entry and submit it, along with a signed application form, to one of the two delivery addresses listed on the application form.

Entries must be received (email) or postmarked (standard mail) by **11:59 PM (ET) on August 10, 2017**. Only one entry is allowed per Applicant. Multiple submissions will disqualify all of that Applicant’s submissions. The entry must be the original work of the Applicant. If plagiarism is discovered, it will result in disqualification.

**For Option #1: Creative expression.**

Anything goes. The Applicant may submit whatever s/he is inspired to create and submit as his/her entry. For this option, because of its broad nature, the Applicant may include a one page description regarding the piece and its relevance/connection(s) to the book *Signal Grace*, along with the entry and the application form. It is the Applicant’s responsibility to demonstrate his/her comprehensive understanding of the book *Signal Grace*. Clarity and specificity in the supplemental description are highly recommended, especially in the case of more abstract or unusual entries. Submitted entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be returned.

**For Option #2: Poem(s).**

There is no minimum word count for the poem(s) option, but there is a three page limit. The Applicant may submit a single poem up to three pages long or a series of separate poems which, when combined, are three pages or less. Applicant must demonstrate his/her comprehensive understanding of the book *Signal Grace*. No pictures or graphics are allowed in the poem option. Handwritten poem(s) are accepted.

**For Option #3: Free write essay.**

Essays must have a total word count between 500-1000 words. The Applicant must demonstrate his/her comprehensive understanding of the book *Signal Grace*. Typewritten essays must be double-spaced and in one of the following 12 pt. fonts: Arial, Calibri, or Times New Roman. Handwritten essays are accepted but must contain the total word count at the end of the essay. No pictures or graphics are allowed in the free-write essay option.

Entries are void if they are in whole or in part illegible, incomplete, or damaged. No responsibility is assumed for late, lost, damaged, incomplete, illegible, or postage-due mail entries. Entries submitted via email must have all of the required documents attached to the email. Applicants who provide either an e-mail address or prepaid postcard will receive notice of receipt of their submission.

**ELIGIBILITY.** The Contest is open to any high school or college student who is a U.S. citizen and attending a U.S. institution, except for students residing in or attending school in Rhode Island. There are no age limits and there are no minimum ACT, SAT, or GPA requirements. Relatives and contractors of Sponsor are ineligible.

**JUDGING.** After an Applicant’s entry is determined to be eligible, it will be judged based on several criteria. Entries will proceed through an initial round of judging, scored on Originality, Technical Excellence, Evidence of Understanding, and Overall Impact. The top 10% of entries will then be evaluated by an impartial nationwide

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committee of educators and American citizens. The winner will be selected on or about September 8, 2017 and the winner will be notified within two weeks. At the conclusion of the Contest, the winner will be announced on [www.tmyates.com](http://www.tmyates.com).

**CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.** All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. This Contest is void where prohibited. Applicants agree to be bound by the terms of these Rules and by the decisions of the judges, which are final and binding on all matters pertaining to this Contest. By entering, Applicant represents that any entry is the original work of Applicant and not copied from any other source and will not constitute defamation or an invasion of privacy or otherwise infringe upon the rights of any third party, and that the Applicant owns or has the rights to convey any and all right and title in such entry. In addition, by entering, Applicant grants to Sponsor a nonexclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to edit, publish, promote, and republish at any time in the future and otherwise use Applicant's submitted entry, including photographs, duplications, or representations thereof, along with Applicant's name, likeness, statements, biographical information, and any other information provided by Applicant (excluding the Applicant's e-mail address, street address, and telephone numbers), in any and all media for possible editorial, promotional, or advertising purposes, without further permission, notice, or compensation (except where prohibited by law).

In the event that there are an insufficient number of qualified entries or if the Sponsor determines that no entries meet the quality standards established to award the prize, the Sponsor reserves the right, at the Sponsor's sole discretion, not to award the prize. Sponsor also reserves the right to award additional prizes at the Sponsor's sole discretion if more than one Applicant's entry is particularly outstanding or noteworthy. Sponsor also reserves the right to extend the Contest deadline if deemed appropriate.

No transfer or assignment of prize(s) is allowed. All expenses, including taxes (if any), on receipt and use of prize(s) are the sole responsibility of the winner(s). Winner(s) who receive award values in excess of \$600.00, inclusive, will be required to provide a Social Security Number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number for the issuance of a 1099 Form. The award(s) will not be issued until the Sponsor has received the name, address, and Social Security Number (or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) of the respective winner(s) for reporting purposes.

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** BY SUBMITTING AN ENTRY TO THIS CONTEST, APPLICANTS RELEASE SPONSOR AS WELL AS ANY AND ALL OF SPONSOR'S AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY LOSS HARM, INJURIES, DAMAGES, COST OR EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST OR THE ACCEPTANCE, USE OR MISUSE OF THE PRIZE(S). UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THE RELEASED PARTIES BE LIABLE FOR INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, ATTORNEYS' FEES, OR ANY OTHER DAMAGES. BECAUSE SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR CONSEQUENTIAL OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, IN SUCH STATES THE SPONSOR'S LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. By entering and/or accepting prize, Applicants and Winners agree to hold and indemnify Sponsor, and her respective promotional partners, directors, officers, and employees harmless for liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property, relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in this Contest, the acceptance and/or subsequent use or misuse or condition of any of the prizes awarded, or any claims including but not limited to claims based on publicity rights, defamation, invasion of privacy, or copyright infringement.

**GOVERNING LAW.** Any dispute arising from this Contest will be determined according to the laws of the District of Columbia, without reference to its conflict of law principles, and the Applicants consent to the personal jurisdiction of the District and federal courts located in the District of Columbia and agree that such courts have exclusive jurisdiction over all such disputes.

**SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of these Rules is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or appointed arbitrator, such determination shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision herein.