

# TELLING WOMEN'S STORIES

## A CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE HELEN M. UPTON CENTER FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE

Purpose: This contest is a special project of the Helen M. Upton Center at Russell Sage College in recognition of Women's History Month. Since Women's History Month is a time to honor the accomplishments of women, we envision this contest as a way to recognize not only the richness and diversity of the lives of women, but also the talents of high school student writers.

Theme: This year's theme is *Women and the Environment*. Students may write about women in their local community or the global community who have made a contribution to environmental issues. For more information, please visit [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).

Entry Format: Students may write an essay, short story, or poem. Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Awareness of the multiple aspects of the woman's life
- Clearly organized and structured
- Effective use of the language
- Level of interest
- Correct punctuation, spelling, and grammar

Format: Works must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted electronically to [wstwritingcontest@sage.edu](mailto:wstwritingcontest@sage.edu) by February 6, 2009. Essays and short stories should be between 500 and 1,000 words and poems should be less than 250 words. Please include student name, class year, high school and contact information on each submission.

Prizes:

- First Prize—\$100
- Second Prize—\$75
- Third Prize—\$50

All winning entries will be published in *Laurel Leaves*, The Sage Colleges' literary journal.

Winners will be notified by February 20, and will be formally recognized at the Women's History Month Convocation lecture on March 5.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.sage.edu/centers/upton/events](http://www.sage.edu/centers/upton/events) or e-mail Dr. Michelle Napierski-Prancl at [napiem@sage.edu](mailto:napiem@sage.edu).