Are you an aspiring author? Then don’t miss this opportunity to break into the publishing world and have your fiction or non-fiction manuscripts reviewed by a dedicated team of publishing professionals. The National Association of Elementary School Principals Foundation, in cooperation with Charlesbridge Publishing (Boston), has launched the 2010 Children’s Book of the Year Contest for aspiring children’s book authors. This is your chance to get your work endorsed by the NAESP Foundation and published by a nationally known publisher.

Here’s how it works: Prospective authors may choose to publish a picture book or a chapter book written for children from 3-16 years of age. (Manuscripts must be in English text only and illustrations are not required for either category to submit manuscripts. The publisher will identify an illustrator after the manuscript is approved.) Entries can be submitted for only $45 (with each additional entry for only $25) until February 15, 2011. Judging will be based on content, originality, and age-appropriateness. Two winners will be announced April 7, 2011 at NAESP 2011 Annual Convention. Entries must be sent with a check or credit card information to the NAESP Foundation, Attn: National Children’s Book of the Year Contest, 1615 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. No e-mail entries will be accepted. Please complete the form on back or visit www.naesp.org.
At least one children's picture book and chapter book will be published from 25 finalists from each category.

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED WITH EACH MANUSCRIPT YOU SUBMIT, duplicate it as often as necessary. (Please note: all manuscripts must be in English text only.)

Author name (print) ________________________ Author phone ________________________________

Author e-mail address (required) ________________________________

(ADDRESS: All contacts and announcements will be via e-mail)

Title of Work ________________________ Target Age Group ________________________

Category of Work

☐ Picture book  ☐ Chapter book

Describe this book in 75 words or fewer (printed or typed and attached to this form.)

How did you find out about the NAESP Foundation's Book of the Year Contest?

☐ E-mail  ☐ Web site  ☐ Word-of-mouth  ☐ Other

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DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS

Send copies of manuscript ONLY. No CD or electronic files accepted.

$45 per manuscript (entry fees non refundable)  One manuscript x $45 = $45

$25 for second and subsequent entries  ______ x $25 = ______

Total Amount: $ ___________

☐ Check enclosed (payable to NAESP Foundation)  Bill my    ☐ VISA  ☐ Mastercard    ☐ Amex

CARD NUMBER ________________________________ EXP DATE __________________ CCV# ______

CARDHOLDER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____________________________________________

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE ______________________________________________________

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DEADLINE: Postmarked by February 15, 2011

Finalists announced March 14, 2011

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Judging will be based on content, originality, and age-appropriateness. Our judging panel includes experts from the fields of editing, education, reviewing, bookselling and libraries.

DISCLAIMER

I guarantee by my signature that the enclosed work is my original work. I understand that judging is subjective and I may receive critiques with which I do not agree. I understand that I am entering this contest voluntarily. I understand the judges’ decision is final. I understand that neither NAESP nor NAESP Foundation is responsible for entries that don’t meet guidelines and don’t include required entry fee. In consideration of NAESP Foundation’s acceptance of my entry, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless NAESP and NAESP Foundation and any of its members and/or judges of the NAESP National Children’s Book of the Year Contest from liability for actions arising from or relating to the judging and handling of my entry and the conduct, sponsorship and advertising of this contest. If I am 18 years or older, I will sign below. If I am under the age of 18, I will have a parent/guardian sign below. I understand that if I do not sign the disclaimer my entry will be rejected.

SIGNATURE:________________________________________________________________________

For more information visit www.naesp.org or call us at 800-386-2377

Mail entry form to: NAESP Foundation, c/o Children’s Book of the Year Contest, 1615 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314