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Wade Edwards Foundation Announces Winners of North Carolina Short Fiction Award; Entries Sought for 2008 Awards

The **2007 Wade Edwards Foundation 10th Annual Short Fiction Awards** will be presented on November 2nd at the North Carolina English Teachers Association (NCETA) conference in Charlotte. Dr. Steven Killion will present the awards at a reception from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the University City Hilton hotel. Scholarships and a gift to the first-place winner's English Department bring the total amount of prizes to \$10,000 to the recipients.

First place (\$5,000) winner **Elizabeth Sinden**, a student at St. David's School in Raleigh, submitted *You Cannot Fit Into A Hose*. Elizabeth's teacher is Marilyn L. Helms, and her parents are John and Susan Sinden. Her school's English Department will receive \$2,000. **Amanda Goble**, who attends South Caldwell High School in Hudson, won second place (\$2,000) with *The Emergence of Rivers*. Her parents are Margie and C.W. Goble, and her teacher is Dolores Cupo. *From The Heart* brought a third place (\$1,000) win to **Cassidy Green**, a student of Sally Griffin at Forestview High School in Gastonia and the daughter of Joseph and Michelle Green. Photos of winners are available upon request.

Entries are being sought for the **2008 Wade Edwards Short Fiction Award**. The award is given annually to three North Carolina high school juniors who submit the most outstanding original short fiction. The competition, administered and supported by NCETA and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and sponsored by the Wade Edwards Foundation, rewards excellence in creative writing and encourages the contemplation of virtues associated with Wade Edwards: humility, strength of convictions, loyalty, honor, charity, determination, the value of family, and the obligations of friendship and community. Wade was a talented high school student whose life ended tragically at the age of 16.

Essays of 500-10,000 words are due March 1, 2008. Teachers and students may submit the short fiction by using the forms and instructions found on the NCETA website: <http://education.uncc.edu/nceta/wcontest.htm>. For more information, please contact Steven Killion at 919-856-9355, skillion@wade.org, or visit www.wade.org/shortfic.htm.