## **New Writing Contest for High Schoolers with Hearing Loss**

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High school students in 10th and 11th grade with hearing loss can participate in The SpiRIT Writing Contest, recently announced by Rochester Institute of Technology's National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and get a jump start on their career education.

Tenth graders can win a scholarship to Explore Your Future, a summer career exploration program for deaf or hard-of-hearing high school students at RIT/NTID.

Eleventh graders can win a two-day visit including room and board with a parent to RIT/NTID, plus a \$500 stipend that can be applied to travel expenses or used at the RIT bookstore.

Teachers are asked to help their students participate by submitting four samples of their students' writing. Samples of class work such as essays, reports, poems or short stories will be required, as well as other writing samples.

For complete contest guidelines and entry information, visit www.rit.edu/NTID/WritingContest. The deadline to submit writing packets is February 15. For more information, contact WritingContest@ntid.rit.edu or call 585-475-6723 (v/TTY.

Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized as a leader in computing, engineering, imaging technology, fine and applied arts, and for providing unparalleled support services for students with hearing loss. More than 1,100 students with hearing loss from around the world study, live and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, NY campus. U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked RIT among the nation's leading comprehensive universities.

Web address: www.rit.edu/NTID.