



## FAQ's Awards Ceremony and Journeys Reading

### What is the Awards Ceremony and Journeys Reading?

This annual celebration of Minnesota's adult literacy community includes two parts. You may choose to attend either the Awards Ceremony, OR the Student Readings, OR both. Advanced registration is required. The registration schedule is as follows:

**April 1-25:** Priority registration for Award winners

**April 15-25:** Priority registration for published student readers

**April 26:** Open registration for both the Awards Ceremony and Student Readings. This is open to students, staff and community members.

The event schedule is:

1. **6:00 pm – Awards Ceremony:** Adult literacy students, volunteers, and community partners receive [awards](#) recognizing their outstanding achievements. The awards are separate from the *Journeys* book.
2. **7:00 pm – Journeys Readings:** Adult Basic Education (ABE) learners share their original stories and poems, many of which are featured in [Journeys: An Anthology of Adult Student Writing](#).

The evening will be followed by a reception at 8:00 pm.

### When and where will it be held?

Thursday, May 26, 2016 at the [Loft Literary Center](#), 1011 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis 55415

[See map](#)

### Who will be honored at the awards ceremony?

This spring, ABE staff nominated volunteers, learners and community partners for awards. The ceremony will recognize their accomplishments. The awards are separate from the *Journeys* book.

### **If I'm an award winner, or one of my volunteers/students is an award winner, what should we do?**

Register ASAP to reserve your seats for the Awards Ceremony. Seating is limited and can fill quickly. Indicate the total number of persons in your group, including any family or friends who would like to attend. [Register Here](#)

### **If I'm a teacher or coordinator and have students that would like to read, what should I do?**

Please submit one registration for all of the people (students, volunteers and staff) who will be attending. You can register your entire group at once. Indicate the total number and names of the students who will be reading. [Register Here](#)

Please ensure that all students bring their own copy of the story or poem they plan to read on the night of the event. We encourage readers to rehearse the reading ahead of time. To allow as many people to read as possible, all learners should limit their story or poem to 3 minutes or less.

### **If I'm a student who wants to read, what should I do?**

Talk to your teacher or coordinator to ask if others at your school will be reading, or if there is a group of people from your school who will be attending. If possible, ask your teacher or coordinator to register you. If you will be the only person attending from your school, you can register yourself. [Register Here](#)

### **Can students read if they haven't been published in *Journeys*?**

Any learner enrolled in an adult literacy program is welcome to sign up to read an original story or poem. Readers who are published authors in the *Journeys* book will be given preference if a waiting list develops. Please limit the length of each reading to three minutes. Readers are responsible for bringing their own copy of their story or poem.

### **How do I know if my students' writing or art has been published in *Journeys*?**

Contact Lynette Ward at [lward@mnliteracy.org](mailto:lward@mnliteracy.org) or 651-251-9081.

### **When can I sign up?**

Now! The sooner you sign up, the better. Seating is limited. The event has filled to capacity in the past, so it's best to register as soon as possible. [Register Here](#)

**Do I really need to sign up ahead of time?**

Yes. Registering in advance allows us to plan for groups to be seated in the same reading room, and ensure that there will be adequate space available for those who would like to participate. Please [Register Here](#).

**If none of my volunteers or learners will be receiving an award, should we attend the Awards Ceremony?  
What if we're only interested in attending the Journeys Readings?**

You can choose to attend the Journeys Readings, but not the Awards Ceremony. When you register, there will be a place to indicate which part of the event you'd like to attend. [Register Here](#)

**What if my volunteers or learners are receiving awards during the Awards Ceremony, but don't want to stay for the Journeys Reading?**

You can choose to attend the Awards Ceremony, but not the Journeys Readings. When you register, there will be a place to indicate which part of the event you'd like to attend. [Register Here](#)

**Is transportation available?**

Attendees will need to find their own transportation to the event. Some learning centers have used Metro Transit to bring groups of students or volunteers. The Loft Literary Center is conveniently located on a Bus Routes 7 and 22 and a few blocks from the Blue Line.

**I'd like to bring a group of more than 20 people, what should I do?**

Please contact Mela Shah at [mshah@mnliteracy.org](mailto:mshah@mnliteracy.org) to make special arrangements for your group.