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RE: Announcement of Literary Awards for unpublished manuscripts for writers between 20-35 years of age NO SUBMISSION FEE !!!

Dear Literary Colleague,

I am writing to let you inform students that you work with and/or teach about our upcoming Literary Award competition - the 52nd annual Joseph Henry Jackson Literary Award, the 72nd annual James Duval Phelan Literary Award, and 19th annual Mary Tanenbaum Literary Award. These three prestigious awards are offered annually to promising young writers between the ages of 20 and 35 who either were born in California or now reside in Northern California or Nevada. There is no entry fee to submit a manuscript for consideration, and there are three awards of \$2,000.00 each. Several award-winners in recent years have secured publishing deals with major publishing houses such as St. Martin's Press, Simon & Schuster, Random House, and Knopf as a result of these awards. Former award recipients form an impressive list of writers, including Philip Levine, Ernest J. Gaines, Al Young, Michael Palmer, Frank Chin, Jane Hirschfield, Lyn Hejinian, David St. John, Dagoberto Gilb, and Sallie Tisdale. Deadline for submission is a postmark deadline by March 31, 2009.

If we have reached the wrong person or department, please forward it to a colleague whom you think this would apply to - it's a great opportunity for young writers, and they should be aware of award opportunities like this one. There is no entry fee to apply if eligible for the awards. Each award has its own specific eligibility criteria explained in the enclosed entry forms. The awards are sponsored annually by the San Francisco Foundation and administered by Intersection for the Arts. Please post the enclosed postcards where graduate and undergraduate students have access to them, and feel free to photocopy these forms or to download additional forms from the Intersection for the Arts website, www.theintersection.org.

Thank you for your support and helping to spread the word about these incredible literary opportunities to the young writers that you come into contact with. Please feel free to direct questions to me at kevin@theintersection.org, or (415) 626-2787, ext. 106.

Best regards,

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