Submit an essay, poem, or thank-you letter describing how a teacher has influenced your life, and he/she will be entered for a chance to win.

**GRAND PRIZE**

$10,000

$5,000 for your teacher and $5,000 for his/her school.

Ask a bookseller for an entry form and official contest rules.
Show how much you appreciate your teacher. Enter Today!

For Middle & High School Students:
To participate, simply write an essay, poem, or thank-you letter explaining how a teacher has influenced your life. Be sure to explain why you admire and appreciate your teacher. Entries must be 500 words or fewer, in English, and typed on 8.5” x 11” white paper. Attach your submission to this entry form and hand it in to your school office before March 2, 2018. Entries may also be delivered in person to your local Barnes & Noble store by March 2, 2018. You may also mail them to your local Barnes & Noble store postmarked by the deadline. The address of your nearest Barnes & Noble retailer can be found at http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com

Prizes:
• The winning teacher from each store will be recognized at a special event at a local Barnes & Noble location and receive a special award acknowledging their achievement. The student who writes the winning essay, poem or thank-you letter will also receive a certificate of recognition and be honored at the store.
• Regional winners will each receive a $500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card.
• The winner of the Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year award will receive $5,000 and be recognized at a special event at a Barnes & Noble store. The winning teacher’s school will receive $5,000 as well.
• A media release will announce the national winner and the contributions that led to him or her being recognized.
• The national student winner will receive a $500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card and a NOOK® device.

Your name: Your grade:

Teacher's name: Teacher's subject/class:

Principal's name:

Principal's school email (if you know it):

School address: Street:
City: State: Zip code:

School's office phone number (if you know it):

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the terms and conditions of the contest (contained in the Official Rules located on BN.COM/myfavoriteteacher), and I consent to the collection of my child’s personal information in this contest entry form and essay, poem, or thank-you letter.

Parent/Guardian (print name): Signature:

Parent/Guardian’s phone number: Date:

Eligible grade 1-12 teachers must be employed by a public or private elementary, middle, or high school. Please see the Official Rules available at BN.COM/myfavoriteteacher or at your local Barnes & Noble store.
Para estudiantes de escuelas medias y secundarias:

Para participar, simplemente escribe un ensayo, poema o carta de agradecimiento explicando cómo ha influido en tu vida algún maestro. Asegúrate de explicar el motivo de tu admiración y apreciación de tu maestro. Las propuestas deben de contener 500 palabras o menos en inglés y ser mecanografiadas en papel blanco de 8.5” x 11”. Adjunta tu presentación a este formulario de participación y entrega en la oficina de tu escuela antes del 2 de marzo de 2018. Las propuestas también pueden ser entregadas en persona en tu tienda local de Barnes & Noble hasta el 2 de marzo de 2016. También puedes enviarla por correo mataselado antes de la fecha limite. La dirección de la tienda local de Barnes & Noble más cercana puede ser encontrada en http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com

**Premios:**
- El maestro ganador de cada tienda serán reconocido en evento especial en un Barnes & Noble local y recibirá un reconocimiento especial de sus logros. El estudiante que escribió el ensayo o poema ganador también recibirá un certificado de reconocimiento que será entregado en la tienda.
- Los ganadores regionales recibirán una tarjeta de regalo de Barnes & Noble de $500 (Gift Card).
- El ganador del premio Maestro del Año Nacional de Barnes & Noble recibirá $5,000 y será reconocido en una tienda Barnes & Noble. La escuela del maestro ganador recibirá también $5,000.
- Un comunicado en los medios de difusión dará a conocer al ganador nacional y las aportaciones que merecieron su reconocimiento.
- El estudiante ganador a nivel nacional recibirá una tarjeta de regalo de Barnes & Noble por un valor de $500 y un dispositivo NOOK®.

Tu nombre: Tu grado:

Nombre de tu escuela:

Nombre del maestro: Asignatura/clase:

Email de la escuela del maestro (si lo conoce):

Nombre del director:

Email de la escuela del director (si lo conoce):

Dirección de la escuela: Calle:

Ciudad: Estado: Código postal:

Número de teléfono de la oficina de la escuela (si lo conoce):

Acepto que he leído y entendido todos los términos y condiciones del concurso (contenidos en las Reglas Oficiales que se encuentran en BN.COM/myfavoriteteacher), y consento a la recopilación de información personal de mi hijo en el formulario de participación de este concurso y en el ensayo, poema, o carta de agradecimiento.

Número de teléfono del padre/tutor: Fecha:

Los maestros elegibles de los grados 1º a 12º deben estar empleados por una escuela elemental, media, o secundaria pública o privada. Favor de ver las Reglas Oficiales disponibles en BN.COM/myfavoriteteacher o en tu tienda local de Barnes & Noble.

**Muestra qué tanto aprecias a tu maestro.**

¡Participa ahora!
Affidavit of Eligibility & Liability/Publicity Release
(Parental/Guardian's Consent for Student)

State of ___________________
County of ___________________

I, ___________________________, being first duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am ____ years of age. I am a legal resident of the United States of America and maintain my principal residence at __________________________________. My home telephone number is ( ___ ) _____________. My work telephone number is ( ___ ) ______________.

2. I am the parent or legal guardian of ______________ (the “Student”), who is a legal resident of the United States of America, was born on _______, and currently is enrolled as a ___ grade student at the ________________________ School, located at _____________________________.

3. I am submitting this Affidavit with the understanding that it will be relied upon to determine the eligibility of the Student to enter the My Favorite Teacher Essay/Poem Contest (the “Contest”) sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc. (the “Sponsor”).

4. I affirm and represent that (i) I have read all the rules and regulations of the Contest, (ii) I reviewed the Student's Entry into the Contest and that such Entry complied with such rules and (iii) that to the best of my knowledge, the Student has not committed fraud or deception in entering the Contest or in claiming any prize. I further represent that neither I nor the Student is an employee of Sponsor or of any other entity stated in the official rules whose employees are not eligible to enter the Contest or a member of the family of any such employee.

5. On behalf of the Student and in my capacity as the Student's parent or legal guardian, I hereby grant Sponsor and its agents the royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive right and license to use, reproduce, publish, re-format, translate, sublicense, copy, modify, delete, enhance, display, archive, perform, disclose, transmit, broadcast, post, create derivative works of, sell, and distribute the Entry, together with the Student's name, voice, photograph, image, likeness, and other identifying information (the “Licensed Material”), in whole or in part worldwide and/or to incorporate such Licensed Material in other works in any form, media, or technology now known or hereafter developed for the full term of any copyright that may exist in such Licensed Material for any purposes whatsoever including, without limitation, developing, manufacturing, and marketing products using such Licensed Material.

6. I, for myself, the Student, and our respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns (the “Releasing Parties”) hereby release and discharge Sponsor and its respective administrators, legal representatives, officers, directors, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, parents, predecessors, successors, and assigns (the “Released Parties”) from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, direct or consequential damages, judgments, extent, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, in law, admiralty, or equity, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, against Sponsor or any one or more of the Released Parties, which I or any one or more of the Releasing Parties ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have, arising out of my participation in the Contest or my acceptance and utilization of the prize that I have won in the Contest.

7. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AFFIDAVIT.

_______________________________
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ________ day of __________, 2018.

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Notary Public

STUDENT’S FULL NAME: ________________________________________________

TEACHER
6. I, for myself, the Student, and our respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns (the "Releasing Parties") hereby release and discharge Sponsor and its respective administrators, legal representatives, officers, directors, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, parents, predecessors, successors, and assigns (the "Released Parties") from any and all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, direct or consequential damages, judgments, extent, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, in law, admiralty, or equity, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, against Sponsor or any one or more of the Released Parties, which I or any one or more of the Releasing Parties ever had, now have or hereafter can, shall or may have, arising out of my participation in the Contest or my acceptance and utilization of the prize that I have won in the Contest.

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Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
________ day of __________, 2018.

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Notary Public

STUDENT'S FULL NAME: ________________________________________________
Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest Official Rules

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS CONTEST. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

ELIGIBILITY: The Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest (the “Contest”) begins January 1, 2018 at 12:00:00 a.m. EST and ends March 2, 2018, at 11:59:59 p.m. EST (the “Contest Period”). Only students enrolled in middle and highschool, and active teachers employed in elementary, middle, or high schools located in the United States (each an “Eligible School”) and who are legally residing in the U.S. throughout the Contest Period are eligible to participate. Employees of Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc. (“Sponsor”); its parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, suppliers, brokers, printers, distributors, and advertising, promotional, and judging agencies; any other entities affiliated with the administration of the Contest; the immediate family members (parent, child, sibling, spouse) of each such person; and persons living in the same household as such person (whether related or not) are not eligible to submit entries or win a prize. Eligibility may be verified by Sponsor at any time. The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to laws related to eligibility to receive prizes. Winners must also comply with their employer’s rules, regulations, and policies on accepting prizes. Void where prohibited.

HOW TO ENTER YOUR TEACHER FOR CONSIDERATION: To have your favorite teacher considered for selection as “The Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year,” submit a complete entry (an “Entry”) that consists of (i) an original essay, poem, or thank-you letter sharing how that teacher has influenced your life and why you appreciate and admire that teacher, and (ii) a completed official submission form that contains all requested personal information. The essays, poems, and/or thank-you letters must be typed in the English language on 8.5” x 11” paper and not exceed 500 words. All submissions must be signed by each student’s parent or legal guardian, who must acknowledge that they have read all terms and conditions and consent to and agree to these Official Rules on behalf of the student. Each Entry will be judged by a panel of judges selected by Sponsor from among eligible entries received from Eligible Schools. Entries may be printed from BN.COM/myfavoriteteacher. Entries may be submitted by mail postmarked or delivered in person by March 2, 2018, to any Barnes & Noble retail store near your residence (a complete list of stores is available at http://store.locator.barnesandnoble.com). Each student may submit only one entry. Entrants represent and warrant that this/her Entry is 100% the original work of the entrant produced for this Contest, and truthful, and has not been previously published or entered in any other contests or awards. All Entries are subject to verification by Sponsor; all Entries become the property of Sponsor, and none will be returned or acknowledged.

SELECTOR OF WINNER: All entries received at each Barnes & Noble retail store will be judged by a qualified panel of judges, which may include or be comprised solely of representatives of the Sponsor, based upon the following criteria: compelling nature of teacher’s inspiring qualities (50%), sincerity of student’s appreciation (25%), and the quality of expression and writing (25%). The winning teacher for each store will be the teacher who is the subject of the Entry with the highest score. The entry for the winning teacher from each store will be judged again by a separate panel of judges to determine the Regional winners. Those five regional winning essays will be judged by a separate panel of judges to determine the “Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year.” All panels will judge the entries using the same criteria set forth above. The winning teachers for the regional and national “Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year” will be the teacher who is the subject of the entry with the highest score. In the event a tie occurs in determining the winner, the tie will be resolved by a tie-breaking panel the Sponsor reserves the right to determine the tie-breaking panel of judges. The winning teacher will be determined based on the highest score in the first judging criteria, continuing thereafter to each judging criteria in order, as needed, to break the tie. The decisions of the judges will be final and binding on all matters relating to this Contest. Local store winners will be notified on or about March 31, 2018, and the national “Teacher of the Year” winner on or about May 2, 2018, by email, telephone, and/or express mail. Sponsor is not responsible for any change of email address, mailing address, and/or telephone number of entrants.

PRIZES: Students: The student who authors the winning essay, poem, or thank-you letter for each store will receive a certificate of recognition and will be honored at their local store during a ceremony for the winning teacher from their school. In addition, the student who authors the winning essay, poem, or thank-you letter for the teacher that wins the “Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year” will also receive a $500 Barnes & Noble gift certificate and NOOK® 8” Samsung Galaxy. Teachers: The winning teacher from each store will be recognized at a special event at a local Barnes & Noble location and each will receive a special award acknowledging their achievement. The five regional winners will each receive a $500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card. The winner of the “Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year” award (the “Grand Prize”) will receive $5,000 and will be recognized at a special event at a store near their residence. The Eligible School at which the Grand Prize winner worked at the time of the Entry submission will receive $5,000 as well. Sponsor is not responsible for canceled, delayed, suspended, or rescheduled events beyond its control.

Any portion of this prize not accepted by Grand Prize winner or an Eligible School will be forfeited. A media release will announce the national winner and the contributions that led to him or her being recognized. Prize is non-transferable and no cash equivalent or substitution of Grand Prize is offered, except at the sole discretion of the Sponsor. Approximate Retail Value of each Regional Prize: $500. Approximate Retail Value of the Grand Prize: $10,000.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS: All potential winners (students and teachers) from a store or of the regional or Grand Prize must execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability/Publicity Release (where permissible) within ten (10) days of receipt of notification or their prize will be forfeited. If the Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability/Publicity Release is not timely returned or if any prize notification is returned as undeliverable, the applicable prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner from the next highest score. By submitting an Entry, entrants agree to these Official Rules, which are final and binding in all respects. Submission of an Entry grants Sponsor and its agents the royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive right and license to use, reproduce, reformat, translate, sublicense, copy, modify, delete, enhance, display, archive, publish, perform, disclose, transmit, broadcast, post, create derivative works of, sell, and distribute the Entry, together with your name, voice, image, photograph, likeness, and other identifying information, in whole or in part worldwide and/or to incorporate such Entry in other works in any form, media, or technology now known or hereafter developed for the full term of any copyright that may exist in such Entry for any purposes whatsoever including, without limitation, developing, manufacturing, and marketing products using such Entry. Subject to this grant, you retain any and all rights which may exist in such Entry. You hereby waive any moral rights you may have in and to any Entry, even if such material is altered or changed in a manner not agreeable to you. Winner or an Eligible School (as applicable) is solely responsible for any local, state, or federal taxes on any prize. Contest is subject to all federal, state, and local laws and restrictions, including but not limited to laws related to eligibility to receive prizes. Winners must also comply with their employer’s rules, regulations, and policies on accepting prizes. For any reason, this Contest is not capable of running as planned by any cause which, in the sole opinion of the Sponsor, corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, or if due to any technical, production, or other error, more prizes are claimed or awarded than are described in these Official Rules, Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend this Contest and determine the winner from Entries received prior to action taken, or as otherwise deemed fair and equitable by Sponsor. By entering, entrants agree that all issues, disagreements, and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation, and enforceability of these Official Rules, entrants’ rights and obligations, or the rights and obligations of the Sponsor in connection with this Contest, will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of laws rules. Sponsor reserves the right to take such action as it deems necessary to enforce these Official Rules and ensure the fair operation of this Contest, including, without limitation, barring entrants who do not comply with these Official Rules. By entering, entrants consent to the jurisdiction and venue of the federal, state, and local courts located in New York. Please see the privacy policy located at BN.com for details of Sponsor’s policy regarding the use of personal information collected in connection with this Contest.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY: Neither Sponsor nor its licensor is responsible for lost, late, stolen, illegible, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, or non-delivered Entries; or, the incorrect or inaccurate capture of Entries or the failure to respond to the failure to respond to the failure to respond to computer system, phone line, hardware, software, or program malfunctions, or other errors, failures, or delays in computer transmissions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Automated entries are prohibited, and any use of automated devices will cause disqualification. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual it finds may be tampering with the submission process or operation of this Contest, or may be acting in a non-sportmanslike or disruptive manner, or with intent to threaten, abuse, or harass any other person. Any attempt to deliberately damage or undermine the legitimate operation of this Contest is unlawful and subject to legal action by Sponsor or its agents. As a condition of entering, entrants agree (and agree to confirm in writing) (a) to release Sponsor, its affiliates, subsidiaries, retailers, sales representatives, distributors, and promotion agency; and each of their officers, directors, employees, and agents (“Contest Parties”) from any and all liability, loss, or damage incurred with respect to the award of prize(s), receipt, possession, and/or use or misuse of any prize, including any traveling related thereto; (b) under no circumstances will Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and participant hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, consequential, or any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses; (c) all causes of action arising out of or connected with this Contest, or any prize awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resorting to any form of class action; and (d) any and all claims, judgments, awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, excluding attorneys’ fees and court costs.

WINNER’S NAME: For the name of each regional or Grand Prize winner, available after May 31, 2018, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with proper postage affixed (postage not required for VT residents) to “Barnes & Noble My Favorite Teacher Contest Winner, Business Development Department, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc., 122 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. Requests must be received by August 31, 2017. Winner’s name will be sent after winner has been verified.

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