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## **Gifford Foundation to Fund Arts and Writing Awards for High School Students**

SYRACUSE — *Stone Canoe*, a Journal of Arts and Ideas from Upstate New York, will offer a new set of prizes for its 2011 edition, designed specifically for Syracuse City School District high school students. Funded by the Gifford Foundation, the prizes will be awarded in four categories, conforming to the four primary content areas featured in the journal: visual arts, fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

Students currently in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades in the Syracuse City School District will be eligible to submit entries. The prize winners in each category will receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500, and their entries will be published in *Stone Canoe* Number 5, scheduled for publication in January 2011. The winners will also be recognized at the annual *Stone Canoe* publication launch and awards reception in late January 2011.

The deadline for students to submit entries is September 30, 2010. Winning entries will be decided by Oct. 30 in time for inclusion in the 2011 issue of the journal. Judges for the awards will be the editors of the past and current issues of the journal, all of whom are experts in their respective fields. All entries must be sent to the journal via the web site, [www.stonecanoejournal.org](http://www.stonecanoejournal.org).

Applicants may submit one poem, one short story, one nonfiction piece, and/or one photograph or work of art in any medium. Applicants may submit in more than one genre. Teachers may assist in preparing the documents for submission, if necessary. Digital cameras will be available in the schools for students who are interested in submitting photography. The cameras are courtesy of the federal GEAR-UP Program in partnership with Syracuse University.

Since 1954 the Gifford Foundation has been dedicated to the stewardship of the funds entrusted to its care by Rosamond Gifford. The Foundation is committed to using its financial and human resources to build the capacity of individuals and organizations to enhance the vitality and quality of life for the people of the Central New York community. For additional information visit the website at [www.giffordfd.org](http://www.giffordfd.org).