

## **The Cum Laude Paper Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

**1. What schools are eligible?** Any Cum Laude member school may submit one entry.

**2. How is that entry chosen?** By the Cum Laude chapter at that school.

**3. Can the 'Paper' be from any subject?** Yes.

**4. What about a paper in a foreign language, something very technical or poetry?**  
That's fine. The judging process will handle all submissions.

**5. Must the author have been inducted into the Cum Laude Society?**

No, but that person's school must have an active chapter of Cum Laude. Any Grade 9-12 student at a school with a Cum Laude chapter may have a 'paper' entered as that school's selection.

**6. Might the author be someone who may not ever be inducted into Cum Laude?**

Yes, as long as that person's school has an active chapter of Cum Laude. Any Grade 9-12 student at a school with a Cum Laude chapter may have a 'paper' entered as that school's selection.

**7. Can the paper be from last year or previous years?**

No, it must have been written for the current school year.

**8. What about a tie vote at our school?**

The local Cum Laude chapter is to solve. One submission per school is the maximum.

**9. Can anyone add to the paper in any way?** No.

**10. Should we remove any grading or correction marks?**

Yes, please. That will not be considered 're-writing'. When the papers are submitted to the national Cum Laude office, all identifying marks will be removed.

**11. I can't find the appropriate forms to send with our entry.**

They may be downloaded from the Society's web page: [www. cumlaudesociety.org](http://www.cumlaudesociety.org)

**12. Can we submit an audio-visual entry, or a work of art?**

No, the work must be a scholarly 'paper', per se. A written work about art would be eligible, N. B., Musical compositions will be considered.

**13. Can the paper have been published elsewhere first (eg. our school literary magazine)?**

Yes. Previous publication is not prohibited in any way.

**14. Can the original entry be returned? It has beautiful color photographs, and we hate to make a black and white copy.**

Yes. If the application includes a self-addressed stamped envelope/container, we will return the original work. It may need to be copied as a part of the adjudication process - district selections will be copied and sent to all officers as we pick a national designee next November.

**15. Our students write (long-hand) essays in class, and I'd like to submit one of these. Can it be typed?**

Yes, provided no changes are made (content, grammar, et al).

**16. Can I tell about the assignment that led to the writing of this paper?**

Yes. There is a place on the submission form (sent to all Chapter Secretaries) where a brief description of the assignment can be noted.

**Still have questions? Call Cum Laude (502-814-4361)**