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Earth Shine Institute Seeking Applications for the 2009 Tellina Scholarship in Poetry

The Earth Shine Institute is pleased to announce that it is now seeking applications for the **2009 Tellina Scholarship in Poetry**. The \$1,000.00 college scholarship is awarded to middle and high school students in Lee County, Florida who demonstrate strong writing potential as poets. **Submissions must be received by April 29, 2009**, the last Wednesday in April. April is "Poetry Month".

Inaugurated in 2005, marking the 50th anniversary of the publication of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's beloved classic work *Gift from the Sea*, the Tellina Scholars Program is named for the shell of the same name, the tellina or sunrise tellin, one of the iconic shells highlighted in the book. The program seeks to encourage the writing of poetry and recognize Lee County's young poets in an era of profound and accelerating technological change when science and technological proficiency seem to be given priority over eloquence and the ability to communicate the human side of life's equation.

Eligibility:

- Student must be in grades 6-12, in public or private schools, or home-schooled.
- Students must be studying in Lee County.

Submission Requirements:

- A completed application form, available on line at www.earthshineinstitute.com, by email request at: esadmin@earthshineinstitute.com; or by telephone request: 239-233-6131.
- A portfolio of at least six (6) and no more than ten (10) poems, with preference given to works created within the last two years. No poetry written more than three years ago shall be considered. All poems must be typed, titled, dated and give the name of the poet;
- A letter of aspiration written by the application including: 1) a statement of the significance of the poetry to the poet and 2) a brief description of the poet's future plans; and
- A letter of recommendation from one of their teachers from an academic discipline.

All submissions must be received by April 29, 2009.

- **Electronic submissions** will be accepted in WORD attachments, one poem per attachment. Send the portfolio of poems with appropriate accompanying documentation in a single email to esadmin@earthshineinstitute.com. If sending a CD, please send to the same address for hard copy submissions given below.
- **Hard copy submissions** and CD's should be sent by First Class Mail to:

Margaret Eiluned Morgan, Tellina Scholarship Program
Earth Shine Institute, 5249 Summerlin Commons, Fort Myers, FL 33907

Fax submissions will **not** be accepted.

About the Earth Shine Institute:

The Earth Shine Institute is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization based in Florida. It presents educational and cultural programs to further the shared vision of Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh of a balance between the technological advancements they helped pioneer and the natural environment they cherished. The Institute was originally founded in 2002 as a supporting organization of The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation of Anoka, Minnesota. Because of the ongoing success of the Earth Shine Institute programs including: the Lindbergh Symposium; the Argonauta Scholars Program in Science; and the Tellina Scholars Program in Poetry, the Institute became its own 501 (c) (3) organization in 2008.

Other Earth Shine Institute Programs:

The Lindbergh Symposium: This one day conference explores the life and intellectual legacy of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh and their pioneering contributions in aviation, exploration, conservation, the sciences and the humanities. Eminent speakers from around the world draw on themes from Lindbergh history to show how issues of interest to the Lindberghs continue to impact our lives today. As part of the conference, several young college-level student historians are given scholarships to attend and interact with the speakers. Since 2002, the Earth Shine Institute has hosted eight Lindbergh Symposia including commemorations of the 75th and the 80th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh historic solo New York to Paris Flight, the 100th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's birth, the 100th anniversary of powered flight, the 50th Anniversary of the publication of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's classic work *Gift from the Sea*, and the 100th anniversary of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's birth. The Symposium has become the international forum for Lindbergh Studies and for Lindbergh Scholars to present their research.

The Argonauta Scholars Program: The Earth Shine Institute recognizes young scientists whose exhibits at the Thomas Alva Edison Regional Science and Inventors Fair reflect an understanding of the Lindberghs' vision of a balance between the technological advancements they helped pioneer, and the natural environment they cherished. These talented young scientists receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship towards their college education. Since 2003 (the program's inaugural year honoring the 100th anniversary of powered flight) has awarded 22 scholarships and four special awards.

Quote from Reeve Lindbergh, Earth Shine Institute Trustee, noted author, and daughter of Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh:

"Anne Morrow Lindbergh told us in her own words, long ago, that there is something about writing that can give you wings: the great strength, the broad reach, the wide stretch of the wings of personal insight and imagination. As an early aviator, she knew a lot about airplane wings; as a lover of nature, she was familiar with the graceful wings of birds all over the world. As my mother, she let me know early in my life that there is something about writing, too, that can cut you loose, set you free, and let you soar wherever you need to go, just using language, whatever your language may be. I have learned to understand over the years just exactly what she meant."

Quote from Margaret Eiluned Morgan, Earth Shine Institute Trustee, and niece of Anne Morrow Lindbergh:

"In this challenging economic environment, it is critical that our young people continue to feel confident in their educational future, and we at the Earth Shine Institute are proud to help as much as we can."