

Author or Illustrator Selection

Please select the kind of books you would like your students to hear about from a well respected author or illustrator. You may choose up to three kinds of books: Picture books, Easy-read books, Chapter books, Middle-grade, YA, Series books (for any age). The books may be of any genre -- here and now/fantasy/humor/historical/poetry/nonfiction/other. You are welcome to include a brief statement of why you have chosen each.

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Short Answer & Essay Questions

You may answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Please, do not forget to have your principal sign the pledge of support at the bottom of the page.

1. **Short Answer:** Paula Danziger, as an author and as a speaker, believed in celebrating life with great humor and sensitivity. Considering Paula's celebratory spirit, please briefly describe how you would use the 3 sessions with the guest speaker to create a memorable event to celebrate reading, learning, and children's literature. (Please keep your response to 150 words or fewer). In addition to the speaker, we will provide your school with a \$250 stipend to assist you in creating this celebration.
2. **Short Essay:** Please answer the following question in 250 words or less. Why would Amber Brown, the heroine of Paula Danziger's Amber Brown series, want to have a children's book writer or illustrator attend your school for a day? The response to this question can be the work of a student, a class, or a collaboration of the whole school. Feel free to have fun with the answer. Amber certainly would!

Statement of Support by the School's Principal

I, _____, pledge the support of _____ to assist in any
(Name of Principal, Please Print) (Name of School, Please Print)

way possible to ensure the success of the Amber Brown Speaker Event.

(Signature of Principal)