

BEGINNINGS XXVI

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Dear Aspire colleague,

Good writing is not about perfection, it's about the process—a process that includes ideas, conversations, suggestions, and revisions. Practicing good writing with your students not only helps them improve their English language skills and prepares them for the HSE, but it builds their confidence as communicators.

Since 1997, Aspire teachers have supported their students by encouraging them to submit writing for *Beginnings*. This student anthology is a collection of short stories, streams of consciousness, informative text, poetry, persuasive essays, and lyrics.

Aspire students can submit work that has been turned in for a class assignment, a piece that has been tucked away in a journal, or something that has been created specifically for *Beginnings*. Instructors can upload the student's writing by logging into the Professional Development system at www.ohioaspire.org.

The deadline for submissions is February 9, 2024. Entries are evaluated in a blind review process and judged on the following criteria: content, organization/structure, creativity, and mechanics. After the selections have been made, the chosen authors will be published in *Beginnings XXVI*.

Original art can also be submitted for inclusion in this publication. Stu-

"...I am 71 years old, but today I'm still growing and changing for the better. I stayed in Hitchcock apartments for two years. I am clean and sober now and on my own. My goals are set. I have been attending the Aspire Greater Cleveland high school equivalency program at North Star and will soon be finishing the testing process. My hope is to go to an accredited school in the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction and become a counselor. I pray that the 40-year journey I continue will help others. I want to be a miracle in someone else's life."

Cathy Rias
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