

## SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST AND INVITATION TO JOIN "GOVERNOR FOR A DAY" CELEBRATION

"Governor for a Day" preparations are well under way and Senator Shapiro wants District 8 to be a part of it. She is holding a literary and arts scholarship competition for all students in her district with the theme, "Texas On My Mind." Students in all grade levels are encouraged to participate in this contest by either writing an essay or poem, or by creating a work of art on canvas that demonstrates to them what it means to have Texas on their minds.

"Although my governorship will be temporary, I want to take the opportunity to make a lasting difference in the lives of schoolchildren in Senate District 8," Shapiro said.

Requirements for the contest are as follows:

- Students may submit an essay (approximately 750-1000 words), a poem (not longer than one page) or a painting (no larger than 16x20) on the theme "Texas On My Mind."
- Please submit 5 copies of your literary work with your name, school and grade on the back of each piece. (Artists should also put their name, school and grade on the back of their work.)
- The entry must be mailed or delivered to Senator Shapiro's district office no later than March 16, 2005 to be considered. Address: 5000 Legacy Drive, Suite 494, Plano, Texas 75024.
- Winners from primary, intermediate, and secondary grade levels will be announced the week of March 28th and notified by the Senator's office.
- Scholarships in the form of savings bonds will be awarded to one winner in each category of each age group.
- We regret that we cannot return artwork unless there is a specific request made in writing that accompanies the piece when submitted.

"I will invite 12 students to spend part of the day at the Capitol with me while I am Governor," Shapiro said. "Their work, along with finalists and honorable mention entries, will be displayed in the Capitol building during that week."

Another way Senator Shapiro intends to highlight the talents of her district is with performances from bands, choirs, drill teams and dance troops from area high schools. Senator Shapiro believes being "Governor for a Day" is not just her honor, but an honor for her entire district as well.

She invites District 8 schools to send their bands, choirs, drill teams and cheerleaders to take part in the day-long celebration at the Capitol. Each high school group will be allotted 30 minutes to perform at various locations around the Capitol Grounds, including the Rotunda, the South Steps and the Lawn. Special

recognition will be made of participating groups and a barbecue lunch will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact either Lissa Smith at 972/403-3404 or Jennifer Ransom Rice at 512/463-0824, for further information.