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### **Accelerated Writer Chosen as 2003 Awards Portfolio Winner** *Media & Methods Magazine Awards Renaissance Learning*

The 2003 Awards Portfolio, sponsored by *Media & Methods Magazine*, has chosen Accelerated Writer® as an outstanding instructional program for English & Language Arts.

The Award Portfolio recognizes instructional technology products and services that contribute to excellence in K-12 schools. Hundreds of products are submitted annually to this education-industry competition.

Each product is evaluated by a team of educators who serve as judges for the event. “Only cream-of-the-crop products have been selected for inclusion in this year’s Awards Portfolio,” reports the magazine.

Accelerated Writer is a program designed to help students become better writers. It allows students to focus on the qualities of good writing and prepares them for state writing assessments.

“This product definitely helps develop writing skills and increases the amount of practice writing students do,” the magazine states in its overall evaluation of Accelerated Writer.

A component of Writing Renaissance, Accelerated Writer dramatically increases the amount of practice writing students do, without increasing teacher’s workload. Through computer technology, it easily monitors each student’s writing progress as a writer, editor, and peer reviewer. Accelerated Writer helps create a community of writers in the classroom.

*Media & Methods* is the premiere publication used for deciding which products to buy for schools and school districts. Teacher and administrators rely on the magazine for succinct, practical, and timely articles written by experts in the field of education. The Awards Portfolio winners are featured in the May/June 2003 issue.

Read about the 2003 Awards Portfolio at [www.media-methods.com](http://www.media-methods.com).

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