



For Immediate Release:

Announcing the 2020 Festival of Words Student Writing Competition Winners!

What: Festival of Words 2020 Awards Ceremony for Youth Creative Writing Contest

When: Saturday, November 7, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

Where: Virtual over Zoom; URL:

<https://ullafayette.zoom.us/j/91376660717?pwd=RzdHZUtYWXFWWm9XWXVsZEtOSjZ2UT09>

- Meeting ID: 913 7666 0717
- Passcode: 514816

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Festival of Words Creative Writing Contest Awards Ceremony

The National Writing Project of Acadiana partners with the Festival of Words every year to sponsor the Festival of Words Youth Writing Contest. Students in grades three through twelve from across Acadiana submitted poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction pieces.

Winners will be honored through a virtual awards ceremony and reading on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Also, Festival of Words will be hosting various virtual workshops. Learn more about the Festival of Words at <http://festivalofwords.org/>

Congratulations to students who placed in the 2020 Festival of Words Youth Creative Writing Contest!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Fiction:

1st place—Greta Schexnayder, Myrtle Place Elementary, “Murder Mystery: The Marriage Never Ends”

Poetry:

1st place—Shya Hebert, Broadmoor Elementary School, “Eclipse” and “On Second Thought”

2nd place—Chloe Willis, Jefferson Island Road Elementary, “Ode to the Uneven Bars”

3rd place—Haiden Dugas, Cankton Elementary School, “Turkey Turkey”

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Creative Non-Fiction:

1st place—Madison Lanclos, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “The Battle of Life”

2nd place—Sophie Simon, Academy of the Sacred Heart, “Oreo”

Fiction:

1st place—Jedesia Joseph, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “There is One Imposter Among Us”

2nd place—Salha Abdul, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Ten Minutes”

3rd place—Naomi Cuccio, North Vermilion Middle School, “Missing Pieces”

Poetry:

1st place—Titi Tinubu, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “White-washed”

2nd place—Aaron Jack, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Black Dove”

3rd place—Laila Landry, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “The Book”

HIGH SCHOOL:

Creative Non-Fiction:

1st place—Meg Francis, Lusher Charter School, “Dandelion Weeds”

2nd place—Madison Firmin, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “I Wish”

Fiction:

1st place—Brynn Beatty, Lusher Charter School, “When the gulf finally reached the city, no one seemed to care”

2nd place—Lacey Auzenne, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “What became of Dahlia Linesberry?”

3rd place—Savannah Dupre, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Never Be A Star”

Honorable Mention—Ella Ostheimer, Homeschool, “A Grim Destiny”

Poetry:

1st place—Jolie Blanchard, Acadiana High School, “A Young Poet’s Dream”

2nd place—Carmen Lopez, Ovey Comeaux High School, “Rest Home”

3rd place—Arianna Gaspard, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Astray”

Honorable Mention—Ellen Rogers, Lusher Charter School, “How to Be a Redhead”