



2020 Student Writing Contest

Rules and Guidelines

Entries must be received by Friday, October 23, 2020 by 11:55 p.m.

Winners will be announced Friday, October 30, 2020

- This contest is co-sponsored by the National Writing Project of Acadiana and is open to 3rd—12th grade writers from across Acadiana.
- Each student may enter the contest one time in each category (up to 3 entries total).
- The three writing categories include poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction.
- All work must be original and students must sign a pledge of originality (included in the entry form).
- Work must be typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font.
- Poems may not exceed 50 lines in length (multiple poems may be submitted but the total length cannot exceed 50 lines).
- Fiction and creative nonfiction entries may not exceed 1,500 words in length (500-1,500 words recommended).
- The file for each student entry should be saved as the student's first initial and last name followed by the category (ex. MKreamerPoetry).
- Entries must be submitted electronically through a supervising teacher/facilitator. Entry forms with parent/guardian permission should be submitted electronically as well.
- Teachers/facilitators should ensure that a student writing contest entry form is filled out for each submitted entry which requires parent and student signatures. These hard copy forms should be held by each submitting teacher/facilitator and copies should be submitted electronically.
- Submit entries electronically to:

Dr. Michelle Kreamer

Writing Competition Coordinator for Festival of Words Student Creative Writing Contest

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- First, second, and third place winners will receive awards and an anthology of winning entries (will be sent to the students' teacher/facilitator to distribute). Winners will be invited to read their pieces virtually at the Festival of Words event on the morning of Saturday, November 7, 2020 (exact time TBD).
- Please contact Dr. Michelle Kreamer if you have any questions
 - hmkreamer@louisiana.edu (preferred contact method)
 - (337) 482-5781