



2021 Student Writing Contest

Rules and Guidelines

Entries must be received by Friday, October 22, 2021 by 11:55 p.m.

Winners will be announced Friday, October 29, 2021

- 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 2 entries total).
- The two writing categories are poetry and fiction.
- 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 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. 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 at

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- First, second, and third place winners will receive awards and an anthology of winning entries (will be distributed at the Festival of Words or mailed to teachers). Winners will be invited to read their pieces at the Festival of Words event on Saturday, November 6, 2021 (exact time TBD).
- Please contact Dr. Michelle Kreamer if you have any questions
 - hmkreamer@louisiana.edu (preferred contact method)
 - (337) 482-5781