



For Immediate Release:

Announcing the 2025 Festival of Words Student Writing Competition Winners!

What: Festival of Words 2025 Awards Ceremony for Youth Creative Writing Competition

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 10:15 a.m. –11:30 p.m.

Where: Sunset Library (Main Meeting Room), 235 Marie St, Sunset, LA 70584

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Festival of Words Creative Writing Competition Awards Ceremony

The National Writing Project of Acadiana (NWP-A) partners with the Festival of Words every year to sponsor the Festival of Words Youth Writing Competition. Students in grades three through twelve from across Acadiana submitted advertisements, multimedia entries, poetry, and fiction pieces.

Winners will be honored through an awards ceremony and reading on:

Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

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

Congratulations to students who placed in the 2025 Festival of Words Youth Creative Writing Competition!

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## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

### **Advertisement:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—Seth Arabie, Woodvale Elementary School, “The State Farm Ad”

### **Multimedia:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—James Chauvin, Woodvale Elementary School, “The Quantum Squeeb”

### **Fiction:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—Mabel Kellner, Woodvale Elementary School, “An Ant’s World”

2<sup>nd</sup> place— Camille deClouet, Woodvale Elementary School, “The Secret World”

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

### **Advertisement:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—Jocelyn Rosales, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Louisiana Hesitate”

### **Multimedia:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—Shya Hebert, L.J. Alleman Middle School, “If Water Could Speak: Leading by Listening”

2<sup>nd</sup> place—Jocelyn Rosales, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “The Louisiana Hesitate Podcast”

### **Fiction:**

1<sup>st</sup> place— Daniel Calvert, Belle Place Middle School, “The Unknown Curse”

2<sup>nd</sup> place— Vance Herpin, Youngsville Middle School, “Tokyo Jump”

3<sup>rd</sup> place— Alexandra Gillet, St. Pius Elementary School, “The Squash

### **Poetry:**

1<sup>st</sup> place— Shya Hebert, L.J. Alleman Middle School, “Heart Patterns”

2<sup>nd</sup> place— Abdul-Hadi Mohammed, Edgar Martin Middle School, “Breathe”

3<sup>rd</sup> place— Bryanna Cotton, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Sundown”

## **HIGH SCHOOL:**

### **Fiction:**

1<sup>st</sup> place—Addison Fontenot, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “My Perfect Girl”

2<sup>nd</sup> place— Amelia Rosteet, Southside High School, “Never Me, But You”

3<sup>rd</sup> place—Lucy Saucier, Southside High School, “Birds of a Feather”

Honorable Mention— Sha'layjia Dugas, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Continuity”

### **Poetry:**

1<sup>st</sup> place— Neviah Taylor-Larson, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “Shedding Skin”

2<sup>nd</sup> place— Jillian Thomas, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “The Weary Stone”

3<sup>rd</sup> place— Addison Fontenot, Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts, “My Last Dance to an Ugly Melody”