

GFWC-NEW YORK
ART DEPARTMENT – CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST
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Guidelines and procedures for entry in the GFWC-NY Creative Writing Contest. The contests are open to any dues-paying member in good standing and/or youth, grades K-12. The Writing Contests seek to provide an avenue for GFWC members and youth of all ages to freely express themselves, as well as draw upon their experiences through writing. If the rules are not completely followed, your entry could be disqualified.

MEMBER SHORT STORY AND POETRY CONTESTS

Rules

1. Authors must be of amateur status: earning from writings must not exceed \$500 annually.
2. Manuscripts entered may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original work of the author.
3. Entries must be typed, **double-spaced**, with minimum margins of 1” on all four sides, one side only, on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Spelling counts.
4. **Short Stories** limited to 2000 words.
5. **Poems** can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and maximum length of 50 lines.
6. All entries must be written during the contest year.
7. Entries **must** have the following in the **top right hand corner of each page**: author’s name, address, telephone number, and email address; name of local Club, State, Federation, and district; title of manuscript and category # .
8. All entries must include the Copyright Waiver.

Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.

Deadlines:

District – February 1

Clubs must send entries to District Creative Writing chairman for judging.

State – March 1

First Place District winners in both categories are sent to the State Creative Writing Chairman for judging.

GFWC – April 1

The State Creative Writing Chairman will send the first place winners in each category to GFWC.

Certificates are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. First place winners are forwarded to GFWC for further judging.

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YOUTH POETRY AND SHORT STORY CONTEST

Categories:

Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2

Category 3: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Category 2: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

Rules

1. Youth (grades K-12) may enter one poem and/or one short story on the District Level.
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3. Manuscripts entered may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original work of the author.
4. Entries must be typed, **double-spaced** with minimum margins of 1” one all sides, on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Spelling counts.
- 5.. **Short Stories** limited to 2000 words.
6. **Poems** can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and maximum length of 50 lines.
7. All entries must be written during the contest year.
8. Entries **must** have the following in the **top right hand corner of each page**: author’s name, address, telephone number, email address; name of local Club, State, District, title of manuscript, category #.
9. Certificates are awarded to Category 1 and 2. Certificates and monetary prizes are awarded to Category 3 and 4. First place winners in each category are forwarded to GFWC for further judging.
10. All entries must include the Copyright Waiver.

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