



BATESVILLE
AREA ARTS COUNCIL

2023 Creative Writing Contest Information

Can you write poetry or short stories? The YAS Writing contest is for writers in grades 6-8 and 9-12 who want their writing evaluated by other area writers. Students may enter one piece of writing per category.

Categories:

- Fiction Grades 6-8
- Poetry Grades 6-8
- Fiction Grades 9-12
- Poetry Grades 9-12

Entry Guidelines:

- Each entry must include a cover sheet/title page with the following information:
 - Student Name
 - School
 - Grade
 - English Teacher Name
 - Competition Category
- Use standard 1-inch margins, 12 point font, double spaced, Times News Roman.
- Number your pages.
 - Entries should be no more than 20 pages.
- Entries should be carefully checked for spelling and grammatical errors.
- No previously published work or work posted on the Internet will be accepted. Entries must represent original student work.
 - Do not resubmit a work previously entered into this contest.
- Entries will be judged on:
 - Fiction: plot development (10 points), creativity (5 points), grammar & punctuation (5 points)
 - Poetry: technique & style (10 points), creativity (5 points), grammar & punctuation (5 points)
- One entry per student per category accepted.
- **Deadline for entries is February 20, 2023 by 11:59pm.**
- Entries that do not follow the above guidelines will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Send entries in as attachments, and in the subject line on your email please put your category (fiction or poetry) and GRADE LEVEL. Email entries to yaswritingdropbox@gmail.com
 - SUPER IMPORTANT → If using a Google Doc, be sure permissions are set to "anyone with the link can view." It is preferred that you submit with a PDF to avoid this issue. The coordinator will email you for access if needed, but cannot be responsible if access is not granted in a timely manner.

Who Judges?

- Current and/or retired English teachers who teach out of the area.