



BATESVILLE
AREA ARTS COUNCIL

2024 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. Entrants must be students at OA, St. Louis, BMS, or BHS, or homeschooled with parents who are BAAC members.

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:

- The top of each document should include a title and the category from above. Do not include your name or school in your story or poem.
- 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 23, 2024 by 11:59pm.**
- Entries that do not follow the above guidelines will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Send entries in as attachment. In the body of your email, please type out your name, school, grade, teacher's name, category of the entry, and the title of the entry. If submitting both a poem and a story, send two emails.
 - 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.
Highlighting indicates program changes for 2024.