



Writing Contest GUIDELINES and RULES

GUIDELINES

The judging panelist, unaffiliated with the library, will select the best work of poetry and prose in two categories: six through eight (6-8) grades; and nine through twelve (9-12) grades.

1. Entries will be judged on creativity, clarity and quality as well as correct spelling, punctuation and grammar.
2. There is no fee to enter.
3. Those selected will be featured and published in the Henderson Libraries' literary magazine and be part of permanent collection within Nevada Library Archives.
4. Poetry, short stories, one-act plays or nonfiction essays or memoirs will be accepted.
5. School reports are not suitable for judging.
6. Each writer can submit original, unpublished pieces, which must be typed in a legible 12-point font, doubled spaced and have the piece's title included on every page.
7. Electronic submissions should be formatted for Microsoft Word or PDF.

RULES

- Teens in grades 6-12 are eligible for this contest.
- Works of poetry, short stories, or essays will be accepted for consideration.
- Submissions in the short story or essay categories must be a minimum of 50 words.
- All works cannot exceed 2,000 words.
- Only 1 entry per person in the provided category of their choice is allowed.
- School assignments will not be accepted.
- All work must be original and unpublished.
- Participants must be a resident of Clark County.
- All entries must be cut and pasted into the Submission Field – GoogleDoc links will not be accepted.
- Entries will be assessed by library staff prior to being submitted to the judges for scoring. Submissions that are deemed inappropriate, culturally inaccurate or possess negative stereotypical characterization will be disqualified.