

THE ARTS PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM
YOUTH WRITING CONTEST SUPPLEMENT 2020 -2022
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Listed below are rules for the Youth Writing Contest:

1. All entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with maximum margins of one inch on all four sides on 8.5 x 11 inch paper.
2. Entries must be written during the contest year, January 1st - December 31st.
3. Entries must have the following on the top right hand corner of each page:
 - A. Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number.
 - B. Name of GFWC club and State Federation submitting author's work.
 - C. Category
 - D. Title of work
 - E. Grade level category
 - Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2
 - Category 2, Grades 3, 4, and 5
 - Category 3, Grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Category 4, Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12
4. Authors must be amateurs, earnings from writings may not exceed \$500 annually.
5. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
6. A signed **GFWC Creative Art Waiver** must be included with each submission.
7. Clubs must submit a \$1 fee, check made payable to NJSFWC for each entry.
8. One entry per person per category.
9. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
10. Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
11. The Six Traits of Writing will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contest.
12. Two copies of each entry must be sent to the Literature Writing Chairman, Joanne DeBenedictis, 105 19th Ave., Belmar, NJ 07719, no later than February 1, 2021. Do not send mail "Registered" or "Certified."
13. A club may submit only one entry per category.
14. All entries are judged on content, organization and form.
15. First place winners in each category will be sent for judging in the GFWC Youth Short Story and Poetry contest by the State Chairman. A release form must accompany the winning entry and the release form must be signed by the author's parent and guardian.
16. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
17. Winners will be notified by the submitting club.

