

2019 High School Creative Writing Contest Grades 9-12

POETRY

- Any style
- Maximum 3 entries per student
- Maximum 3 pages per poem

SHORT STORY

- Any style
- Maximum 3 entries per student
- Maximum 10 pages per story

CASH PRIZES In Each Category:

Provided by the Fulford Family Foundation:

\$300 First Place
\$200 Second Place
\$100 Third Place

Additional Funding provided by

Jill Duncan State Farm
Carrollton Civic Womans Club

Plus, a Special Award provided by the Carrollton Writers Guild:

\$150 - Special Recognition Award

First, Second, and Third Place winners of both categories and special recognition winners will be notified by phone by **February 8, 2019**. The seven winning students will be honored on **Tuesday, March 5, 2019**, at a 12:00 noon luncheon at the Carrollton Center for the Arts. Also invited will be sponsor representatives, Carrollton Writers Guild representatives, the winners' parents, teacher designated on entry form, Principal and School Superintendent. There is no cost for this event. Students will be invited to stay after the luncheon for a workshop with a guest author.

For more information, call Tim Chapman at 770-838-1083.

Mail entries to: Creative Writing Contest
c/o Carrollton Center for the Arts
251 Alabama Street, Carrollton, GA 30117

Or drop off at the Carrollton Center for the Arts—251 Alabama Street.

- Participants **must** attend school in Carrollton or Carroll County in a public, private or home school setting in grades **9-12**.
- All entries must be **RECEIVED** by **Friday, January 18, 2019** by 5:00 p.m.
- Entries cannot be returned.
- All entries must be original and the sole property of the writer.
- All entries should be clean of teacher's marks and comments.
- Winning students **only** will be notified by **Friday, February 8, 2019**.
- Winning students will be asked to email a digital copy of their entry to tchapman@carrollton-ga.gov for publication purposes.

*The High School Creative Writing Contest is a program of the Carrollton Center for the Arts
& the Carrollton Creative Writers Guild.*

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TIPS AND GUIDELINES FOR WINNING

The Carrollton Center for the Arts receives approximately 800 or more entries each year for the Creative Writing Contest. Our staff and the Creative Writing Guild read every entry, eliminating many, before the final selections are sent to the guest author. All entries are coded with numbers and letters and names, schools, etc; are removed to assure anonymity before they are given to the guest author. Below are tips that may help your entry make it to the finals.

1. Make sure that the work is entirely written by you! Rewriting TV scripts or printing the lyrics of a popular song are not original ideas and will be eliminated immediately. Plagiarism is a serious offense.
2. Poetry that starts out “Roses are Red...” is usually eliminated. Be original!
3. All works must be typed (**12 point font or larger**) and short stories may be **single spaced**.
4. Works with a teacher’s mark or comment (such as a grade) will be disqualified.
5. Poetry does not have to rhyme. Poetry that does rhyme should pay close attention to meter.
6. Short Stories should have a beginning, a middle and an end with a definable plot.
7. Research essays such as “The Life of George Washington,” while interesting, do not qualify for the Creative Writing Contest.
8. Be creative with your ending but avoid easy devices, such as having your protagonist realize “it was all just a dream.”
9. You may submit entries from last year, as long as they did not win in the previous contest. Take a look at the entry first and try to determine yourself what may need to be corrected or improved.
10. Do not stretch work out unnecessarily to meet the maximum length. **Ten** pages for a short story is a **MAXIMUM** not a minimum. Many winners have submitted stories that were two or three pages in length.
11. All entries must have a separate entry form. If you submit 3 poems you need 3 entry forms.
12. PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD! Then have someone else proofread again. Multiple errors in grammar and spelling could cause your entry to be eliminated.
13. Submit entries on time with the proper entry form attached to front.
14. Make sure entry information is printed neatly.
15. Thank you for entering the High School Creative Writing Contest.

Please call Tim Chapman at the Carrollton Center for the Arts if you have questions about this competition 770-838-1083.

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Entry Form 2019

Please fill out completely and attach to **front** of **each** entry. All entries must be typed and contain no written marks such as grades or teacher's comments. Handwritten entries will not be accepted. **All entries must have a separate entry form.** All entries must be received by the deadline. (See guidelines).

NAME of student _____

POETRY / SHORT STORY (Circle One)

Title of story or poem _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Street Address or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

Please print carefully and neatly

Grade _____ **School** _____

(Please include Parent's, Principal, and Teacher's first name, last name, and title (Dr., Mr., Mrs, Miss, Ms. etc.):

Parent's _____

Teacher _____ **Principal** _____

I attest that my entry is original work, conceived and written entirely by myself, and not copied from another medium. If my entry is selected as a winner, I understand that it may be printed in a publication selected by Carrollton Center for the Arts.

Signature _____

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251 Alabama Street. Mail entries in advance to Creative Writing Contest, 251 Alabama Street, Carrollton GA 30117. Carrollton Center for the Arts will not consider mailed entries that arrive after the deadline.