

Huntsville Literary Association's 43rd Annual Young Writers Contest

Who May Enter

All students in Huntsville, Madison and Madison County public and private schools are eligible.

When to Enter

The Forty-third Annual Young Writers Contest opens on January 31, 2011. Final entries must be postmarked by March 11, 2011.

Entry Categories

1. **Senior Poetry Division** – Grades 10, 11, 12. Entries must be no more than 300 words.
2. **Senior Short Story Division** – Grades 10, 11, 12. Students should submit a short fictional narrative with a unified tone about one or more characters living through a single significant action or experience. Entries must be no less than 300 words or more than 1200 words.
3. **Junior Poetry** – Grades 7, 8, 9. No more than 300 words.
4. **Junior Short Story** – Grades 7, 8, 9. Same requirements as Senior Short Story Division.
5. **Upper Elementary Poetry** – Grades 4, 5, 6. No more than 300 words.
6. **Lower Elementary Poetry** – Grades 1, 2, 3. No more than 300 words.

Contest Rules for Submitting Entries

1. All entries must be the *original work* of the individual student with only general constructive assistance from the teacher. Plagiarism or cheating has not been and will not be tolerated by the Young Writers Contest Committee and judges. The discovery of parents writing entries and outright copying has been embarrassing to the contestants and to HLA. *Teachers and parents, please emphasize the importance of original creations.*
2. Entries must **NOT** have been previously published elsewhere, including school newspapers and magazines, and must **NOT** have previously received recognition in another contest. An entry must **NOT** be sent simultaneously to the Young Writers Contest and to any other contest or publication except to the student's own school magazine or other school or PTA sponsored contest
3. Each entry must be **typewritten or neatly and legibly hand printed**, using only one side of standard size paper. No title page is needed. Short stories must be double-spaced.
4. The author's name must not appear on the manuscript! The anonymous manuscript must be accompanied by a 3 x 5 index card attached by a paper clip containing the following **legibly printed**: name, address, city, zip code, telephone number, grade, teacher (full name if possible), school, school telephone number, entry category, title of entry.
5. Each student may submit no more than one entry per category.
6. Children of judges may not enter the contest under the same category in which the parent is judging.
7. The Young Writers Contest shall not be judged by any teacher employed in the city, county, or private schools where the contest is held.

8. Entries must be mailed as follows:

Lower Elementary Poetry

Marjorie Masterson,
1104 Woodmont Ave.
Huntsville, AL 35801

Upper Elementary Poetry

Bonnie Spencer,
5207 Winchester Road
New Market, AL 35761

Junior Poetry

Dr. Carol Ashburn Roach,
1662 Old Highway 431 South
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

Junior Short Story

Dr. Monita Soni
P.O. Box 5565
Decatur, AL 35601

Senior Poetry

Nancy Compton Williams,
11015 Vivian Drive
Huntsville, AL 35810

Senior Short Story

Marion Conover,
1706 Greenwyche Road
Huntsville, AL 35801

9. Any entry not correctly prepared (anonymous manuscript with attached index card furnishing **ALL** required information) will **NOT** be judged.
10. All entries become the property of the Huntsville Literary Association. None can be returned. Students should retain a copy of their entries.

Awards

Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners and certificates to as many as three honorable mentions in each division. Winners in each of the six categories will receive recognition certificates and the following monetary prizes:

First Place:	\$100.00
Second Place:	\$ 60.00
Third Place:	\$ 40.00

All winners, their parents, and teachers will be guests of HLA at the annual Awards Ceremony on May 1, 2011.

For more information: Email Jennifer Garlen, jennifer.garlen@gmail.com, or go to the HLA website: www.hla-hsv.org