

2018 SANTA ROSA COUNTY  
CREATIVE WRITING EXPRESSIONS CONTEST

Sponsored by Santa Rosa Arts & Culture Foundation

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CREATIVE WRITING**

**DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

Middle and High School students will be given the opportunity to display their creative writing talents in the following three categories: Essay, Short Story, and Poem/Song Lyrics

Creative writings are divided into Middle & High School Divisions:

Middle School Division: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Ribbons awarded in three categories per grade level including Honorable Mention. One overall winner will receive \$50.00.

High School Division: 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Ribbons awarded in three categories per grade level including Honorable Mention. One overall winner will be selected to receive \$100.00.

The final selection will be made by impartial literary judges. The winners will receive ribbons and recognition on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Riverwalk Arts Festival. The first and second place winners will have their winning work printed in the 2018 Santa Rosa County Creative Writing Expressions booklet and receive a copy.

**ESSAY** – Middle School and High School - Students will be required to write their original essay in descriptive or narrative style. Essays should be 150 to 500 words in length. Topics will be individual personal choice.

**SHORT STORY** – Middle School and High School - Short Story entries should be a minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 800 words. The Short Story must be original and unpublished.

**POEM/SONG LYRICS** – Middle School and High School – There are no minimum requirements. All poems and song lyrics must be original and unpublished.

CREATIVE WRITING RULES:

1. Entries written any time during 2017 – 2018 school year.
2. Entries are double-spaced, typed or neatly hand-written in black or blue ink on 8 ½" x 11" paper
3. The following information is required on cover sheet on each creative writing entry:  
Student name, School, Grade, Teacher, Category – Essay, Short Story or Poem/Song

Teachers, please screen all writing to prevent **plagiarism** and **inappropriate** material. This booklet will be utilized by all age groups and needs to remain student friendly.

Please send work via courier to:  
Heidi Hancock at W.H. Rhodes Elementary (w) 983-5670 ext.139 (h) 293-3633  
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