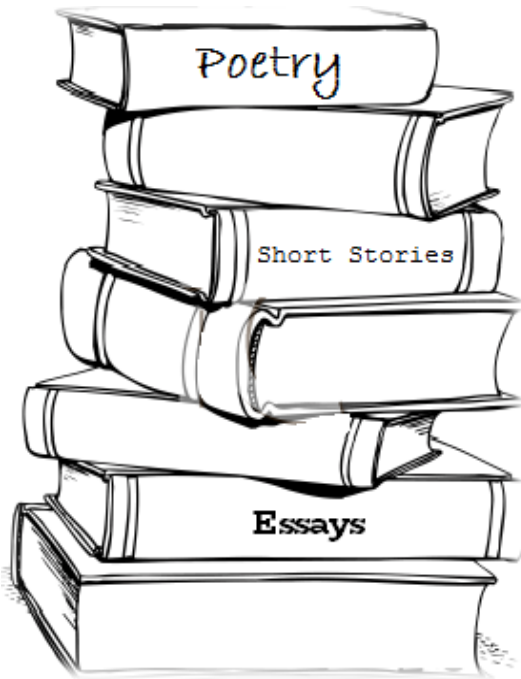




*Mineral Area Council on the Arts  
2020 Creative Writing Contest*



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# *The Journey*

*Contest Categories:*

## **10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

One winner will be chosen from each of these three genres:

- Poetry
- Short Story (The entry must be 3000 words or less)
- Essay (The entry must be 3000 words or less)

## **Adult**

One winner will be chosen from each of these three genres:

- Poetry
- Short Story (The entry must be 3000 words or less)
- Essay (The entry must be 3000 words or less)

*Contest Information:*

- The 2020 Creative Writing Contest will run from August 3 – September 30, 2020.
- Entries must be submitted to the Mineral Area Council on the Arts office at MACOA, PO Box 1000, Park Hills, MO 63601 OR submitted as a pdf file to [MACOACreativeWriting@MineralArea.edu](mailto:MACOACreativeWriting@MineralArea.edu) by 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2020.
- Contest is open to the MACOA service region which includes Iron, Madison, Perry, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, and Washington counties in the state of Missouri.

*Guidelines:*

- An author may submit more than one entry but only one entry per genre.
- The theme of the 2020 Creative Writing Contest is *The Journey*. Each entry must relate to this theme.
- Entries will be judged on quality of writing, content, focus, originality, form, structure, organization, style, language, and use of conventions.
- Prior to submitting a work for judging, authors, please assess the content to decide whether it is appropriate in a family-oriented public reading.
- Entries must be typed, double spaced, using Times New Roman, and 11 pt font for effortless readability.
- Hand-written entries will not be accepted.
- Entries must be unpublished or strictly self-published works.

*Creative Writing Workshop:*

- Please join us as the contest will culminate in a creative writing workshop with guest speaker and author, Karen Sargent, on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the ColJac Artisan Café in Farmington. The workshop will be followed by the public reading of the six winning entries.

*Awards Information:*

- Winners will receive a cash prize and a public reading of the winning entry.
- The six winning entries will be published on [www.MineralAreaArts.org](http://www.MineralAreaArts.org).
- One overall winner will receive the honor of having his/her work published in the "Daily Journal".
- Winners will be announced October 14<sup>th</sup>.