



2021 Creative Writing Contest Guidelines



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FREEDOM

Contest Categories:

- The second annual MACOA Creative Writing Contest will accept entries in Essay (limit of 3000 words or fewer), Poetry, and Short Story (limit of 3000 words or fewer).
- One winner will be chosen from each of the above genres in two age brackets: 10th-12th Grade and Adult

Contest Information:

- The 2021 Creative Writing Contest will accept entries August 2 - September 30, 2021.
- Entries must be submitted as a pdf document to Mineral Area Council on the Arts via email at MACOACreativeWriting@MineralArea.edu or mail at MACOA, PO Box 1000, Park Hills, MO 63601 by 4:00 p.m. September 30, 2021.
- 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 2021 Creative Writing Contest is **FREEDOM**. 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.
- Entries must be submitted with the entry form (see page two). Do NOT include the name of the author or age bracket on the entry. This information should appear only on the entry form.
- 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- Entries must be unpublished or strictly self-published works.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, Justin Hamm, on October 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the Mineral Area College Fine Art Gallery next to the Theater in Park Hills. 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.
- One overall winner will receive the honor of having his/her work published in the "Daily Journal".
- Winners will be announced October 15th.