



2016–2018 GFWC WRITING CONTESTS GFWC MEMBER CONTESTS & YOUTH WRITING CONTESTS

Report to 2016-2018 GFWC FL Education CSP Chairman - Paula Lou Mapoles

Express Yourself Creatively

The GFWC Writing Contests seek to provide an avenue for GFWC members and community youth to freely express themselves and draw upon their experiences through writing. These submissions illustrate the talent of GFWC members and are a reflection of our communities. GFWC offers short story and poetry contests for members and youth in the community GFWC serves.

GFWC MEMBER CONTESTS

- ...Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC club.
- ...Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper.
- ...Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1 - December 31).
- ...Entries must have the following on the top right hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name of author's GFWC club and state federation
 - Category
 - Title of work
- ...Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- ...Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- ...A **signed GFWC Creative Art Waiver***** must be included with each submission.
- ...Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- ...Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- ...One-entry per member per category.

CLARIFICATIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ...Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.

- ...By submitting your short story or poem to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license the work in any media known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

- ...A completed and **signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver***** must be submitted with each entry.

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YOUTH WRITING CONTESTS

...Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper.

...Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1 – December 31).

...Entries must have the following on the top right hand corner of each page:

- Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
- Name of the GFWC club and state federation submitting author's work
- Category
- Title of work
- Grade Level Category

Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2

Category 2: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Category 3: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

...Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.

...Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the authors.

...A **signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver***** must be included with each submission.

...One entry person per person per category.

...Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.

...Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

...The Six Traits of Writing will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contests.

ENTRY GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES

STATE LEVEL

...Clubs must send entries to:

Paula Lou Mapoles, 2016-1018 GFWC FL Education CSP Chairman
for state-level judging by **MARCH 24 each year.**

...2016-2018 GFWC FL Education CSP Chairman shall select judges, who will evaluate submissions and select a first place winning entry in each category.

NATIONAL LEVEL

...One winning state entry per writing contest, per category must be sent to the national 2016-2018 GFWC Writing Contest Chairman, postmarked no later than **APRIL 1 each year.**

...All entries must be accompanied with a cover letter from each State GFWC Creative Writing Contest Chairman, Paula Lou Mapoles, with a complete list of state writing contest winners.

...All entries may be mailed or electronically sent to the GFWC Writing Contest Chairman.

*****GFWC Creative Arts Waiver can be found online at GFWC.org in 2016-2018 GFWC Club Manual under AWARDS, CONTESTS AND GRANTS.**