

WINNING WORDS WRITING COMPETITION



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Students, you are invited to enter a writing contest which offers special recognition and cash prizes. Send us some of the writing that you're doing—a story, an essay, song lyrics, etc. You could be a winner!

Contest Rules 2019

Eligibility/Categories: This contest is open to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors attending a Walworth County high school. All entries must be original student writing, although teachers or others may offer suggestions or assist in editing. Students may submit more than one entry in each of the categories available.

- **Prose Category:** Prose entries include essays, personal memoirs or narratives, literary analyses, book reviews, humor, short stories, etc. The suggested length is 600 to 800 words.
- **Poetry Category:** Poetry entries include poems or song lyrics limited to 50 lines or fewer.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by **April 1, 2019**. Entries can also be picked up at your school if arrangements are made by a teacher with a member of the Winning Words Committee.

Manuscript and Identification Procedure: Prose entries must be typed and double-spaced. Poetry and song lyrics may be single-spaced. To facilitate anonymity in judging, no name or school information may appear on the manuscript. A completed entry form, signed by the entrant and a teacher must be stapled to each entry.

Prizes: First place award is \$300. Second place is \$200. Third place is \$100. These prizes will be awarded in both the prose and the poetry categories. Students who enter in the prose category may also be entitled to a local school first place prize of \$100 or a second place prize of \$50. To qualify for the local school prizes, the school must submit at least ten prose entries from at least three different writers to qualify for the local prizes. While a student may earn both a school prize and a county prize, no one student may win more than one prize at the school level or more than one prize at the county level. Winners will be notified by mail, phone, or e-mail.

Judging: Entries will be judged by persons not associated with any one school. Emphasis will be placed on clarity, content, and originality. Evidence of careful editing will also be considered.

Questions? Send email with your questions to walworthcountyarts@gmail.com