

Florida Council of Teachers of English 2017 Writing Awards

Instructions and Guidelines for Teachers and Student Writers

1. Any Florida teacher of English may sponsor a **MAXIMUM** of **FIVE** student nominees.
2. Any Florida student (grades 6-12) may submit up to three entries in up to three of the five categories:
 - (1) Poetry
 - (2) Fiction (1500 word max.)
 - (3) Script/Screenplay
 - (4) Personal Essay or memoir (1500 word max)
 - (5) Non-fiction/Other Essays (literary analysis, persuasion, journalism -1500 word max).
3. A single selection (one poem, one piece of fiction, one work of drama, or one work of non-fiction) constitutes an entry.
4. The student's name, teacher's name, and school name **MUST NOT** appear on any page of the entry. This information must be on the entry form **ONLY**. Title pages should **NOT** be submitted.
5. All entries must be submitted in electronic form and saved as the title of their piece and must be accompanied by a separate entry form. Please submit as an *editable* document, NOT PDF.
6. Term paper/research papers will **NOT** be accepted. Critical analyses which reference published works are acceptable.
7. Students or teachers must keep copies of entries, as they will not be returned to you.

If you have not completed these steps, the entry will automatically be DISQUALIFIED.

The entry form can be accessed online at www.fcte.org. Once completed, the entry form and the student work should be attached as **TWO SEPARATE ATTACHMENTS**.

Understand that in submitting the work, you are verifying that it is the authentic, original work of the student. You will receive an acknowledgement via email once your entry and entry form have been received and accepted.

Entries not received by midnight Sunday, May 31, 2017 will not be accepted.

Winners receive a certificate of merit, recognition at the 2017 FCTE Fall Conference, a \$100.00 cash award, and copies of the 2017 Student Writing Anthology, *Gulfstream*.

Submit entries via email to: FCTEwritingawards@gmail.com

Joanna Fox -Writing Awards Chair

FCTE Writing Awards Entry Form

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

A. STUDENT INFO: Name:
Home – Street:
City and Zip Code:
Phone:

B. SCHOOL INFO: Name:
County:
Street:
City and Zip Code:

C. TEACHER: Name:
Home Phone:
School Phone:
Preferred email:

II. ENTRY INFORMATION

A. DIVISIONS (Check one grade level)

▪ **DIVISION I:**

Grade 6 _____

Grade 7 _____

▪ **DIVISION II:**

Grade 8 _____

Grade 9 _____

▪ **DIVISION III:**

Grade 10 _____

Grade 11 _____

Grade 12 _____

B. CATEGORY (check one category and please note the listed *1500-word limits):

1. Poetry _____

2. Fiction* _____

3. Script/Screenplay _____

4. Personal Essay/Memoir* _____

5. Non-fiction (analysis, journalism, essay)* _____

C. TITLE OF STUDENT WORK:

III. VERIFICATION/ PERMISSION

Verification of Authenticity of Student Work and FCTE Right to Publish work in the manner described below:

In submitting this electronic entry, I certify that to the best of my knowledge this work is the original work of this student and that it is consistent with the quality of his/her other writing.

The student agrees that although he/she retains the rights to the material, he/she agrees that the Florida Council of Teachers of English may publish it in the FCTE Gulfstream or a special publication.

Student Verification of Authenticity of the submitted work:

By participating in this process and submitting to FCTE, I understand that I am claiming to be the creator/author of this work and that it is my original writing.

Teacher Name: _____

Student Name: _____