Literary Arts Awards 2013

Guidelines

DEADLINES

Submissions for the 2013 Literary Awards, the Scholarship Competition, and the Literary Magazine Competition should be postmarked by January 11, 2013. Complete guidelines are given below. **Entries not conforming to complete guidelines will be disqualified.** Mail entries to:

HSLAA
Alabama Writers' Forum
P.O.Box 4777
Montgomery, AL 36103-4777

For more information, contact the Forum toll free at 866-901-1117 or writersforum@bellsouth.net.

ELIGIBILITY

The Literary Arts Awards, including the Literary Magazine Competition, are open to Alabama high school students in grades 9-12, and scholarships are available to seniors in Alabama high schools.

LITERARY ARTS AWARDS

- **Creative Nonfiction**: 1st place ($150), 2nd place ($75), 3rd place ($50), Judge's Special Recognition, Certificates of Merit
- **Drama**: 1st place ($150), 2nd place ($75), Judge's Special Recognition
- **Poetry**: 1st place ($150), 2nd place ($75), 3rd place ($50), Judge's Special Recognition, Certificates of Merit
- **Short Fiction**: 1st place ($150), 2nd place ($75), 3rd place ($50), Judge's Special Recognition, Certificates of Merit

JUDGING

Writers in the fields of creative nonfiction, drama, fiction, and poetry will choose the winning entries. The names of the judges will be announced when the awards announcement is made.

FORMAT FOR ENTRIES

Submit entries in a 9"x I2" envelope. Submit clear photocopies only; students should retain originals. No manuscripts can be returned. Students' names should appear only on the entry forms since all works are judged anonymously. All short fiction, drama, and creative nonfiction entries should be typed and double-spaced. Poetry entries may be typed single-spaced or double-spaced. **Students must designate on the entry form the category for which they wish the work to be considered.**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN LITERARY ARTS

The scholarship awards in literary arts are open to seniors in good standing in Alabama high schools. Up to five cash awards of $500 each are given. Portfolios placed in consideration of the scholarship awards in literary arts will be judged anonymously by a judge from the fields of literature or creative writing. Awards are based solely on merit of works submitted. A portfolio of approximately 20-50 pages of work from at least two categories is required.

All entries should be typed and double-spaced, one side only. Poetry may be single-spaced.

CATEGORIES FOR PORTFOLIO WORK

- **Chapter(s) from a novel** accompanied by a one-page synopsis of the novel (25-page limit)
- **Creative Nonfiction** (15-page limit)
- **Drama** (25-page limit)
- **Poetry (**three shorter poems, or longer works totaling no more than 10 pages)
- **Scholarly essay or research paper** with a creative focus (l0-page limit)
- **Short Fiction** (20-page limit)

FORMAT FOR PORTFOLIOS

Submit one copy of the portfolio. Students should retain originals. No manuscripts can be returned. Make clear photocopies. Students' names should appear only on the entry form. A title page, in addition to the required entry form, should list the names of the individual works that make up the portfolio with each work's category designated.

LITERARY MAGAZINE COMPETITION

- Exceptional Literary Content ($150), Judge's Special Recognition for Exceptional Literary Content ($50 each)
- Exceptional Graphic Design and layout ($150), Judge's Special Recognition for Exceptional Design and Layout ($50 each)
- Certificates of Merit for Literary Magazines

To enter, **send one copy each of two issues** of the magazine published between 2010-2012, **with the required entry form.** Magazines must have been published for at least two consecutive years to be eligible to enter and must consist solely of original student work.

HOW TO MAIL ENTRIES

Mail entries in envelopes clearly marked "Literary Arts Awards," "Scholarship Entry," or "Literary Magazine Entry" in the lower left corner. Please **DO NOT** use binders, folders, or any type of cover. Paper clip or staple pages together. Mail to Alabama Writers' Forum at the address above. **Postmark deadline: January 11, 2013**.

Official announcement of all awards will be made at the Literary Arts Award reception at the State Capitol in Montgomery. Teachers with winning students will be notified by e-mail prior to the Awards.

ENTRY FORM

2013 Literary Arts Awards & Scholarship Competition

Deadline: ***Postmarked by January 11, 2013***

All entries must have an entry form attached. Do not put student's name on work submitted.
Note: *Read the entire form before completing in full.*

Legislative districts (of school's address): *Alabama House #_____*
Alabama Senate #_____

Student's name _____
Student's address/city/zip _____ _____
Student's home phone _____ Teacher's daytime phone_____
Student's e-mail _____ Teacher's e-mail*_____
Student's grade _____ Principal_____
Teacher's name (first/last) _____ School phone_____
School _____ School fax_____
School address/city/zip_____
*for notification

__This Submission is For Literary Arts Awards

GRADES 9-12 ELIGIBLE

Check One: ____**Creative Nonfiction** ___**Drama** ___**Fiction** ___**Poetry**

Title(s) of work submitted (Must Match Titles on Work)

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__This Submission Is For The Portfolio Scholarship Competition

SENIORS ONLY. Submit between 20-50 pages in at least two categories. You must include a title page listing all titles and their respective categories. Submit only one copy of the portfolio.

Eligible categories are Creative Nonfiction (15-page limit), Drama (25-page limit), Novel (25-page limit), Poetry (10-page limit), Scholarly Essay (10-page limit), and Short Fiction (20-page limit). List categories and titles of work submitted.

(**Must Match Titles on Work**):

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__This submission Is For The Literary Magazine Competition

Include **one copy of two issues** of the magazine published between 2010-2012. Literary magazines submitted for the competition must consist solely of original student work.

Note: In the space marked "Student's name" above, **please list the editor**. If there are **genre editors** or **other staff members**, list below. **Also list title and date/volume of magazine.**

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