



Oklahoma *Writing* Project

Write To Win!

2018 Writing Contest for Students and Teachers

NO ENTRY FEE ~ Enter Via Teacher Email Only

Deadline January 16, 2018



Limit, 15 student entries per teacher. NO ENTRY FEE. No student or may enter more than two pieces total, and only one per genre. Teacher may enter two pieces, only one per genre. In addition, teachers may enter up to 5 student sentences (limit one per student) and one teacher sentence.

All entries must be attached to an e-mail sent from teacher's school email address. Each entry must be a separate e-mail.

Winners in each division will be invited to an OWP Spring Celebration & Writing Conference and will have their writing published in *the 2018 OWP Anthology of Winning Writing* and on the OWP website. Winners and their teachers will receive free anthologies of winning writing.

Students and teachers will be competing against others in their own divisions and genres. Divisions are determined by grade rather than by school level: **Primary** (pre-K though 2nd); **Intermediate**, (grades 3-5); **Middle School** (grades 6-8); **High School**, (grades 9-12), and **Teacher**.

2018 OWP Writing Contest Genres



Descriptive Paragraph

Describe a person, a place, an object, a feeling. The paragraph can be an excerpt from a larger piece of writing or can be complete in itself. Put the reader there with sensory details and telling facts. Limit 150 words.



Personal Narrative

Write personal memoir or a narration of an event in your life. Try to cover a very short period of time. Details are important. Be sure to use active, vivid verbs. Weave in description with action to put the reader there. Limit 2,000 words.



Poem

It can rhyme, but it doesn't have to. It can be metered or free verse. Try including similes, metaphors, personification. Experiment with repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia. Limit, 66 lines.



Short Story

Create the characters and come up with a conflict. Put those characters in a place and time, and see what they decide to do. Try weaving together action, dialogue, and description to keep the reader involved. Limit 2,500 words. Longer stories will be disqualified.



Essay

Stand up for an issue; change someone's mind. You can pick the topic. Suggestions? Comment on controversial issues, current events, art, television, movies, books, videos, video games, products. Show us how to look at something from another viewpoint. If you cite sources, do it correctly. Limit 1,000 words.



Writing across the Curriculum

You can also enter writing you did in a class other than language arts—science, social studies, math, etc. (Description, Narration, Poetry, Essay) Limit 1,000 words.



Flash Fiction

Also called "sudden fiction," this genre packs a punch with a small amount of text. A complete story includes the traditional elements of setting, characterization, and conflict. Choose a time and place, narrow your focus, start in the middle of the action, keep the reader guessing, and end with a bang or a twist! Limit 100 words



Sentence

Write a sentence, any kind, any length, any subject. Be creative. One winner for each grade level. Hint: Using figurative language and poetic devices might help you win. (Teachers may enter up to 5 sentences, one per student plus one from teacher. These do not count against the total of 15 other entries. Sentences can be taken from larger pieces of writing.)



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INSTRUCTION TO TEACHERS, 2018 OWP WRITING CONTEST:

Each piece should be typed as a Microsoft **Word** document in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced. If we can't open the document, it may be disqualified.

Do **NOT** include student's name, school, or teacher in the attached document (entry) but only the title and the writing. Only the attachments will be forwarded to the contest judges.

Send a separate email for each entry. **Subject of email should be the title of the piece.** In the body of the email, list:

- Genre of entry
- Title of piece
- Student's name
- Student's grade
- Teacher's name
- School
- School address
- School phone
- Teacher's school e-mail address

Winners, when announced, will receive a form via teacher's email to have their parents and teacher sign, verifying originality of the piece and agreeing to have the work published in the OWP anthology and on the OWP website.

Email entries to owpwritingcontest@gmail.com by January 16, 2018. Entries received after that date will not be accepted.

Limit 15 entries per teacher, limit two per student in separate genres, in addition to 5 sentences. Teacher may enter 2 pieces, each a different genre, and one sentence.

Questions? Email owpwritingcontest@gmail.com or janiscramer@att.net. Text 405-250-5400.

2017 Anthology of Winning Writing by Oklahoma Students and Teachers available on Amazon.com