

GFWC OF KANSAS CREATIVE WRITING (SHORT STORY AND POETRY) CONTEST RULES

Student Categories:

- 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

GFWC Youth Writing Contests

Short Story and Poetry Contests

1. Youth Grades K through 12 may enter one poem and/or one short story on the local level.
2. Authors must be amateurs, earnings from writing not to exceed \$500.00 annually.
3. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works of the authors, written during the contest year.
4. Short stories are limited to 2000 words.
5. Poems can be any style, between eight (8) and fifty (50) lines.
6. Entries must be typed, double spaced, minimum margins of one inch on all four sides, printed on one side only, on 8.5 X 11" paper.
7. Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page: **Authors name, email address, mailing address, phone number, name of GFWC of Kansas Club, State Federation, category** (short story or poetry), **title of manuscript, grade level category.** (See student categories above.)
8. One state winner in each category is eligible for national judging.
9. Send to the State Creative Writing Chairperson by **March 1st**. State Chairpersons must have the winning entries to GFWC postmarked on or before April 1.

The GFWC Clubwoman Writing Contests

Short Story and Poetry Contests

1. Authors must be dues-paying members of an active GFWC club.
2. Authors must be amateurs, earnings from writing not to exceed \$500.00 annually.
3. Entries must be original, unpublished works, written during the contest year.
4. Short stories are limited to 2000 words.
5. Poems can be any style, between eight (8) and fifty (50) lines.