

14th Annual Salute to Writers in April . . .

2020 Celebrate the Arts Writing Contest

The Arts Council of Westerville, Westerville Public Library and the *ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion* newspaper invite participants of all ages to submit original work.

Entry deadline is Monday, February 24, 2020, at 9 p.m.

Email Address Follow the Contest Guidelines and then email your submission to artscouncilwesterville@gmail.com or deliver to Westerville Public Library (desk in children's area), 126 S. State Street. Questions? Call the Library at 614-259-5030.

Contest Guidelines

An entry may be in any genre (short story, poem, etc.) and on any topic. No artwork, please. Every entry must have a title. No more than 800 words may be submitted by an author. If more than one entry is submitted, total words may not exceed 800. No out-of-state entries will be accepted. Entries containing wording or themes inappropriate for presentation to all ages will not be accepted. Persons affiliated with sponsoring organizations may submit work for publication, but are not eligible for judging.

Entries must be submitted according to the author's grade/age level:

*Students – Grades K-2

*Students – Grades 6-8

*Adults – Ages 18+

*Students – Grades 3-5

*Students – Grades 9-12

Entries must include author's name, address, email, phone and grade/age level. Attention, TEACHERS: We must have student contact information for entry to be considered. Writers must identify themselves as being affiliated with a sponsoring organization. Submissions will not be returned.

All entries will be published in a professionally bound book available for purchase. Winners will receive a complimentary copy, sponsored by the Friends of the Westerville Public Library. The Arts Council reserves the right to exclude an entry from the book.

Electronically submitted entries are preferred in Microsoft Word or Google Docs, 8½" x 11" portrait and 11 point type size.

1st place finishers for each level will be published in the local community newspaper, *ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion*, in April. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention entries will be posted at *ThisWeek* online. Entries are subject to being excerpted due to content length.

Winners will be contacted the first week in April. They will receive their prizes and be invited to read from their work at a Writers Reception for family and friends (grades K-5 at 2 p.m.; grades 6-Adult at 3 p.m.), Sunday, April 26, at the Library.



This writing contest is one of many events organized by the Arts Council to mark April as "Celebrate the Arts" month in Westerville.