

Due March 1, 2022



Calling all aspiring writers!!

Announcing the

30th Annual

Bartlesville

Creative Writing Contest

2022

If you love to write, this is your opportunity to gain valuable experience and share your work with others.

Categories:

Division I (8th Grade Only)

Poetry (not to exceed 60 lines)
Fiction (not to exceed 1,500 words)

Division II (writers 14-17 years old)

Poetry (not to exceed 60 lines)
Fiction (not to exceed 1,500)
Non-fiction (not to exceed 1,500 words)

Division III (writers 18+ years old)

Poetry (not to exceed 120 lines)
Fiction (not to exceed 5,000 words)
Children’s literature (fiction or nonfiction
written for children ages 1-12, not to exceed 3,000 words)
Non-fiction (not to exceed 5,000 words)

Eligibility: Contestants must be current Bartlesville Public Library cardholders. Library cards are free and available at the circulation desk of the library.

See rules on reverse side

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter the Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest.
I have read and understand the rules. I am eligible for the Division entered.

Division I (8th Grade writers)

_____ Poetry
_____ Fiction

Division II (writers 14-17 years old)

_____ Poetry
_____ Fiction
_____ Non-fiction

Division III (writers 18+ years old)

_____ Poetry
_____ Fiction
_____ Children’s Literature
_____ Non-Fiction

Enclosed is my \$10.00-entry fee for Division III. **No fee is required for Division I or Division II entries.** (Make payment by check or money order only to the Friends of the Library. No cash will be accepted.)

ENTRY TITLE _____
FULL NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

(over)

Rules:

A contestant may enter more than one category and more than one manuscript in each category, but he or she may be awarded only one prize per category.

Only entries of unpublished manuscripts will be considered. Published manuscripts or manuscripts having received cash or other material benefits from previous contest submissions are ineligible for this contest.

All entries should be submitted according to the following manuscript format:

- Standard white paper, 8.5x11 inches
- Double-spaced
- Type on one side of paper only
- Letter quality font (Times Roman, Courier)
- 12 pt. font
- One inch margins on all sides of paper
- Left margin justified
- Title at the top of first page only
- Paginated in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.)
- Pages stapled in upper left-hand corner

Important Notes:

- a. The name of the writer and all other information that would identify them must be excluded from the manuscript.
- b. Three (3) copies of each original manuscript should be submitted.
- c. No manuscript materials will be returned to entrants.
- d. Place manuscript in a sealed envelope.

Each entry should be accompanied by a separate entry form. Entry forms may be reproduced. Each entry should be accompanied by a \$10.00 entry fee (a single check or money order for multiple entries is acceptable). Entry fees for Division I and Division II will be waived.

Prizes:

Grand prize	\$200
Grand prize for poetry	\$200
First place in each category	\$100
Second place in each category.....	\$50



Winners will be notified in April and invited to the awards program which will take place later that month. Winning entries only will be bound into a book available in the Reference and Local & Family History Departments of the Library.

Bring or Mail entries to:

FOL Creative Writing Contest
c/o Bartlesville Public Library
600 S. Johnstone Ave.
Bartlesville, OK 74003

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1, 2022

Release of Liability

I, the Undersigned participant, desire to participate in the Creative Writing Contest promoted by the Friends of the Library. Accordingly, I hereby freely and voluntarily, with full understanding of the meaning of this Release and without duress, execute this Release, Waiver of liability for the benefit of the Friends of the Library.

I grant, convey, authorize and permit, the Friends of the Library to publish my work product, that was submitted to the Friends of the Library as a result of participating in the Creative Writing Contest, where the Friends of the Library deem appropriate.

I, Waive, Release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Friends of the Library and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, demands, and or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, as a result of using my creative work product.

If a minor child is participating in the Creative Writing Contest, it will be necessary that the participant's parent or legal guardian sign on their behalf.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian

Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest Agreement

Contest entries are to be original, unpublished work written by the person entering the contest. **Judges will check for plagiarism, and entries that do not meet these standards will be disqualified.**

Plagiarism includes:

*copying another's words directly and presenting them as your own without quotation marks and direct indication of whose words you are copying

*copying significant phrases, clauses, and passages from another source without quotation marks and proper acknowledgment.

*paraphrasing another writer's work by altering some words but communicating the same essential point(s) made by the original author without proper acknowledgment.

*presenting someone else's ideas or factual discoveries as your own.

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand and accept these definitions of plagiarism and the consequences of breaking the rules.

Printed Name

Signature

Date