



## Contest Dates

### **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

Contest opens for student submissions and teacher approvals

### **Thursday, January 19, 2017 at MIDNIGHT**

Student submission deadline

### **Thursday, January 26, 2017 at MIDNIGHT**

Teacher approval deadline

### **Week of March 20, 2017**

Student winners announced

### **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

**4:15 p.m.** Writers' Workshop

**6:00 p.m.** Reception

**7:00 p.m.** Awards Ceremony.

*North Carolina Museum of History,  
Raleigh*

## For More Information

Go to [raleighfinearts.org](http://raleighfinearts.org) and click on Literary Contest.

### **Very Important**

**All stories** must be submitted electronically through the Raleigh Fine Arts Society website. The website includes an entry form which must be completed in full by the student.

**Teachers** must approve each story submitted. Only stories approved by the student's teacher will be judged. Each student must notify his/her teacher when submitting a story.

**The student's name** must NOT appear anywhere in the story.

### **2016 Literary Contest Chair**

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# 2017 Literary Contest

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Raleigh Fine Arts Society  
**LITERARY  
CONTEST**



## Awards

**\$500** Mildred Dwyer Patton  
Memorial Award for Overall Best Story

**\$300** Overall Second Place Award

**\$200** Dave Patton Award for Best  
Story by a Varsity Athlete

**\$200** First Place Awards by Grade

**\$150** Second Place Awards by Grade

**\$100** Honorable Mention Awards

In addition, the English  
Departments of the schools with  
the top six winners will receive  
**\$100** for each winner.



*"I think I even surprised myself when my short story 'Backyard Chickens' placed in the Raleigh Fine Arts Literary Contest. I had always thought of writing as just something my mom and sister were good at and didn't even think of myself as having any sort of talent. Winning first place for 12<sup>th</sup> grade and getting your feedback on my writing really changed my perspective...I also wanted to let you know that this past week I wrote my first article for the school newspaper and it was placed on the front page! "*

Grace Callahan, 2013 First Place 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(as written to her high school English teacher  
during her freshman year of college)

**The Literary Contest is a short story competition open to any student currently enrolled in grades 10, 11 or 12 in any public or private high school in Wake County.**

**Please read the following guidelines carefully:**

Students may enter one original short story with a maximum of 5000 words each year.

The story may center on character, setting, plot and theme of the student's choice.

The students name or other identifying information **must not** appear anywhere in the story or filename.

All stories must be submitted through the raleighfinearts.org website by the submission deadline and approved by the student's teacher by the approval deadline.

The story must be in .doc or .docx format before uploading it electronically.

The title should appear only on the first page.

Each student must notify his/her teacher before submitting a story.

The student's teacher must approve his/her story online after it is submitted in order for it to be judged.

Each story will be judged on the basis of overall structure, compelling interest, characterization, dialogue/narration, plot, scene, pace, mood, diction choices and overall balance and the effect of these various elements. Judging criteria are posted on the raleighfinearts.org website.