



Contest Dates

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Contest opens for student submissions and teacher approvals

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at MIDNIGHT

Student submission deadline

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at MIDNIGHT

Teacher approval deadline

Week of March 25, 2019

Student winners announced

Tuesday, April 29, 2019

4:15 p.m. Writers' Workshop

6:00 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony.

North Carolina Museum of History,
Raleigh

The RFAS Literary Contest is near and dear to my heart. I participated for many years when I was an English teacher at Holly Springs High School. I am also proud to say that one year one of my students won the overall contest with a short story told through the perspective of an old man with Alzheimer's. I still remember her excitement and the learning experience of having writers critique her work.

Jenni Greene

Senior Administrator, High School English-
Wake County Public Schools

For more information,
go to 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.

2018-19 Literary Contest Chair

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Raleigh Fine Arts Society
**LITERARY
CONTEST**



Awards

\$500 Phil Patton Award for Overall Best Story

\$300 Mildred Dwyer Patton Award for Overall Second Place

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

\$200 First Place Awards for each Grade Level

\$150 Second Place Awards for each Grade Level

\$100 Honorable Mention Awards

In addition, each school that has an overall winner or first place winner is given **\$100** to be used by its English Department to promote creative writing.

I used to see writing as just an odd hobby that I, a self-professed STEM kid, had. At most, I'd occasionally write a couple pieces to share with a few friends, but nothing more. Winning was honestly a big shock - I'd thought my submission was just an experimental piece to help me better understand the subject of prejudice. Between the workshop critiques from the judges and reading the stories of other winners, being a part of the RFA Literary Contest was certainly a wonderful experience I won't forget. Now, who knows? Maybe writing will play a major role in my future career.

Megan Pramojaney, 2018 Overall Best Story Winner
11th grade, Enloe High School

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 5,000 words each year.

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

The name of the student, teacher, school OR any other identifying information **must not** appear anywhere in the story.

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, .docx, or pdf format before uploading 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.

Only one submission per student.

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.