

Raleigh Fine Arts Society's 2019 – 2020 Literary Contest

Contest Opens	November 4, 2019
Deadline for Student Online Submissions	January 17, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
Deadline for Teacher Online Approvals	January 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
Stories to Preliminary Judges	January 31, 2020
Deadline Online Preliminary Judging	February 24, 2020 at 11:59
Stories to Final Judges	March 1, 2020
Deadline for Online Final Judging	March 28, 2020
Student Winners Announced	Week of April 1, 2019
Writer's Workshop/Reception/Awards Ceremony	April 22, 2020
Students arrive for photos and ceremony seating	4:00 PM
Writer's Workshop	4:15 PM – 5:45 PM
Reception	6:00 PM
Awards Ceremony	6:30 PM

CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

- All students in grades 10,11, and 12 currently enrolled in a Wake County public, private, or charter schools are eligible to enter one short story per year.
- Short stories must be a maximum of 5,000 words.
- Students are free to choose their stories' character, setting, plot and theme.
- All identifying information (student's name, teacher, school) must be removed from the story before it is submitted. Failure to make a fully anonymous submission will disqualify the story.
- All stories must be submitted electronically through Submittable.com by January 17, 2020 and approved by the student's teacher by January 27, 2020. Stories lacking teacher approval will not be judged.
- The story must be in doc, docx, or pdf 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.
- If a student needs to edit a story that has already been posted to Submittable, he/she must make a request prior to the January 27th deadline by contacting Literary Contest Chair, Dana Lindquist: d.lindquist@icloud.com.
- Each story will be judged on the basis of overall structure; effective dialogue, narration, and character development; compelling plot, scene/s, pace, mood, and diction; and skillful balance of these various elements of storytelling. Judging criteria are posted on the RFAS website under Literary Contest (www.raleighfinearts.org).
- Each story will be read and scored by three preliminary judges.
- Each of the top stories (approximately 40 finalists) will be read and scored by each of the three final judges. Winners will be determined from the final judges' scores.
- All student winners are expected to participate in the Writer's Workshop with our final judges and in the Reception and Awards Ceremony, both of which will be held at the NC Museum of History on April 22, 2020. Parents, teachers, principals, and friends are all invited to attend the Reception and Awards Ceremony.
- Cash prizes are awarded for the top two overall stories (\$500 and \$300); the top story submitted by a varsity athlete (\$200); first and second place in each grade level (\$200 and \$150); and honorable mentions (\$100), which may come from any of the grade levels. Each school with a top award winner also receives a cash prize (\$100).