

TAFCE

Tennessee Association of Family and Community Education

CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM

Rules for TAFCE Creative Writing Program

1. Must be written by a TAFCE DUES PAYING MEMBER WHO IS NOT A PROFESSIONAL WRITER. (This means that she/he does not receive compensation for their work.)
2. Entries must NOT exceed 1,000 words and illustrations are prohibited.
3. Entries must be legibly handwritten in black ink or typed/printed in black ink with a font size of 12 or 14 on plain white paper. Entries will be judged for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
4. Each entry must include writer's name, address, phone number, county, region, and category on a cover sheet. On the last page include name, county, and region in small letters.
5. Deadline for submitting entries is at the end of this form.
6. Those judged first and second place in each category in the county should be sent to the appropriate region's competition. First and second place region winners should be sent to the State for competition.
7. All entries judged from the State competition will be compiled into a booklet.
8. The state will award first place winners in each category \$10.00 and a booklet. Second place winners in each category will receive recognition.
9. TAFCE member may submit entries in any or all categories but only one entry per category.
10. Entries become the property of TAFCE and will not be returned.
11. Any entry will be disqualified if the above rules are not followed.

CATEGORIES

1. Poetry: any style
2. Essays: any subject or person
3. Short Stories
4. Children's Stories: **(No illustrations are to be submitted)**
5. Featured Article/News Article: can be club report publication or multi-media. Any original article will be accepted and must indicate on or with the article the name and date of publication. An online article should provide the URL or link to the publication. Any article may be scanned and submitted by email and must be accompanied by a cover sheet.
6. Miscellaneous: any entry that does not fit into above categories.

| SCORING CRITERIA | POINTS |
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| Introduction: Gets attention, indicates direction, etc. Well organized Body: Well organized Conclusion: Ends with a purpose, summarizes, etc. | 20 |
| Creativity/Originality | 50 |
| Results: effect on the reader | 30 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

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| Due to: | County | Region | State |
| Date Due: | May 1 | June 1 | October 1 |
| Give to: | County Chairperson | Region chairperson | State Chairperson |

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