

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Grades 4 - 12

RULES, INFORMATION & JUDGING CRITERIA

The Creative Writing Competition promotes literary creativity and allows students to incorporate what they have learned about the honored city of Memphis through the written word. The Creative Writing Competition entries can include any type of literary work, fictional or non-fictional, including but not limited to poems, essays, short stories, plays, narratives, scripts and biographies. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen in three grade categories (Upper Elementary - 4th & 5th grades; Junior - 6th- 8th grades; Senior - 9th - 12th grades). The competition is open to students attending any public, private, or home school within the Memphis metro area. Each entry must be submitted with a completed Creative Writing Competition entry form (typed or printed only). **Entries must be received by Memphis in May no later than 5:00pm on Friday, March 22, 2019.**

Judging Criteria

1. Theme must pertain to Memphis.
2. All entries must be typed.
3. Length should be from one to five pages, typed, and double-spaced.
4. All entries will be judged on format, organization/structure (flow), grammar, spelling, creative thought, vivid imagery, accuracy of details, and how well they engage the reader.

Awards

Senior Division

- 1st place winner - \$200 Cash Prize
- 2nd place winner - \$100 Cash Prize
- 3rd place winner - \$50 Cash Prize

Junior Division

- 1st place winner - \$200 Cash Prize
- 2nd place winner - \$100 Cash Prize
- 3rd place winner - \$50 Cash Prize

Upper Elementary Division

- 1st place winner - \$200 Cash Prize
- 2nd place winner - \$100 Cash Prize
- 3rd place winner - \$50 Cash Prize

A school may submit more than one entry in each grade category, but only one entry per student. If additional entry forms are needed, please make copies, contact the Memphis in May office, or download a form at <http://bit.ly/MIMEducation>

For questions or additional information, please contact Carley Kirby, Memphis in May International Festival, (901) 525-4611, ext. 108 or via e-mail at CKirby@memphisinmay.org.



2019 MEMPHIS IN MAY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL HONORING MEMPHIS



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ENTRY FORM

Fill out entry form, staple to front of Creative Writing entry, and send/bring to Memphis in May office. The Competition is open to students in grades 4 - 12. All work must be original. **The Creative Writing entry and completed entry form must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 22, 2019.**

Name of Student: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ E-mail Address (if applicable): _____

Student's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Daytime Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

School: _____ Name of Sponsoring Teacher: _____

Evening Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School Address: _____

Title of Literary Piece: _____

Check One: Poem Essay Script/Play Short Story Other: _____

Entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 22, 2019. Staple each individual entry form to the front of each entry and place in a 9" x 12" envelope (*Teachers, if you are bringing multiple entries to our offices, there is no need to place each entry in an individual envelope.*) and mail or bring to:

Creative Writing Competition
Memphis in May International Festival
56 S. Front Street
Memphis, TN 38103

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**ALL AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT A SPECIAL AWARDS RECEPTION ON APRIL 11, 2019
in the Auditorium at the Shelby County Schools, Teaching and Learning Academy.**

It is important that all winners be present at the awards ceremony to receive their prizes.