

34th Annual Creative Writing Contest

Short Story ♦ Essay ♦ Poetry



Categories

Short story, essay, and poetry are the forms of writing accepted for the contest.

Number of Entries

Contestants may submit a **maximum of 3 stories, 3 essays, and/or 3 poems (3 of each type).**

Eligibility

Any full-time or part-time student registered in English classes at Midland College at any time since September 1, 2007, is eligible to compete. Exception: Any past first-place winner is eligible only in a category in which that student has not won previously.

Deadline

The deadline is Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 5 pm.

Judging

The distinguished panel of judges consists of published writers and/or teachers of writing from colleges or universities other than Midland College.

Prizes

First place: \$150 and Certificate of Award
Second Place: \$100 and Certificate of Award
Third Place: \$75 and Certificate of Award
Honorable mention: Certificate of Award

Note: Midland College reserves the right to withhold awards if entries in a category are lacking in quality.

Awards Celebration

The Awards Celebration will be held Tuesday, March 31st, 2009, at 7 pm in the Wagner and Brown auditorium in the Allison Fine Arts Building.

Attendance at Awards

Winners will not be notified in advance. Contestants are asked to attend awards ceremony except in extenuating circumstances.

Publication

Selected writings from the contest will be published in *Tableau*, an annual student publication produced cooperatively through the Departments of Journalism and English, and may also appear on the college website. The writings published will be selected by the contest committee and approved by the President of Midland College.

Questions

Contact the Writing Lab, 685-4561 or 685-4811, to examine models of the correct manuscript format, or to look at previous copies of *Tableau*.



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Formatting Requirements

Failure to submit the entries in the correct format will result in disqualification. Please follow directions and let us know of questions BEFORE you submit.

Formatting the Title Page

Double-space and center the following information two inches from the top of the page:

- Category (short story, essay, or poetry)
- Title
- Creative Writing Contest, 2009
- MC instructor and last year to attend MC

- Author's name
- MC Identification number
- Author's address (with zip code)
- Author's telephone number(s) and email address(es)
- Number of lines for poetry and number of words for prose

Formatting the Manuscript (the body of the submission)

- Use a 1" margin on all sides.
- **Center the title (capitalize important words) one inch from the top of the first page. Do not include your name or any other identifying information; these are to be anonymous.**
- Space the text as follows:
 - Short story: Double-space throughout—including after title.
 - Essay: Double-space throughout—including after title.
 - Poetry: Double-space after title and between stanzas. Otherwise, single-space throughout.
- Place title, followed by a single space and the page number, in the top right corner of the second and following pages. (EXAMPLE: My Story 2) You might use the "header" function for this.

Submitting Your Entry

- Entrants are to submit electronic versions of all entries in Word formats (save as .doc or .docx) or Rich Text Format (save as .rtf). Please email as attachments with the title pages included. Identifying information (student's name, etc.) goes only on the title page.

E-mail each submission to Mary Williams at mmwilliams01@gmail.com and also to Terry Jolliffe at tjolliff@midland.edu. The reason for emailing it to both is to be sure that we receive all submissions; we don't want to miss anyone!

Contact

Dr. Mary Williams, 685-4631, or Terry Jolliffe, 685-5568, contest directors