

Calendar of Writing Contests/Submissions for High School Students

Below is a listing of writing contests, scholarship opportunities, and submission opportunities. Winners can receive cash awards, tuition towards conferences or workshops, or publication in literary magazine/journal. **Participation in and/or winning contests are excellent experiences to add to your application for post-secondary** since it shows persistent effort, passion, and skill.

Specific deadline dates can vary each year, so check the URL two months prior to the deadline (if URL link does not work, try doing a search for the contest name; sometimes URLs change). **Allow yourself enough time** to write, revise, edit, and workshop submission materials; avoid waiting until the last minute to submit.

Read ALL requirements before submitting to ensure that you have followed directions and your entry will be considered. Some entries require a cover letter, electronic submission, teacher nominations, specific file types or formatting, or other steps.

Month of Deadline	Contest	Grade Levels	Links and notes
August	International Torrance Legacy Creativity Award	8-18 yrs	http://www.centerforgifted.org/torrance.html Submission window opens in January
September	<i>The Critical Pass Review</i> Junior Poet's Award Contest	13-18 yrs	http://www.criticalpassreview.com/submit/junior-poet-contest/ Submission window opens in November
October	Young Arts	10th-12th	http://www.youngarts.org/apply Submission window opens in August
	Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest (Hollins University)	Females in 11th-12th	https://www.hollins.edu/academics/majors-minors/English-creative-writing-major/nancy-thorp-poetry-contest/
November	Leonard L. Milberg '53 High School Poetry Prize	11th	http://arts.princeton.edu/about/opportunities/high-school-contests/ Submission window opens in summer
	Bennington Young Writers Awards	10th-12th	http://www.bennington.edu/events/young-writers-awards Submission window opens in September
	The Patricia Grodd Poetry Prize for Young Writers	10th-11th	https://www.kenyonreview.org/contests/patricia-grodd/ Submission window opens on November 1st and deadline is November 30th.
December	Scholastic Art and Writing Awards	7th-12th	http://www.artandwriting.org Submission window opens in September. Regional and National Awards available
	Letters about Literature	4th-12th	http://read.gov/letters/ Submission window opens in November State and National Awards available

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	River of Words Poetry and Art Contest (Center for Environmental Literacy at St. Mary's College of CA)	5-19 yrs	https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/center-for-environmental-literacy/river-of-words Submission window opens in fall Category III (grades 6-8) and IV (grades 9-12)
	Glazner Creative Writing Contest (Sante Fe University of Art & Design)	12th	https://santafeuniversity.edu/academics/creative-writing/glazner-creative-writing-contest/ Annual Scholarship to Sante Fe, textbooks, and publication part of award
January	Profiles in Courage Essay Contest (JFK Presidential Library)	9th-12th	https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Eligibility-and-Requirements.aspx Submission window opens in fall
	Thespian Playworks Next Generation Work (International Thespian Festival)	9th-12th	https://www.schooltheatre.org/itf2018/nextgenerationworks/playworks Submission window opens in October Must be active member of International Thespian society
	Young Authors Writing Competition (Columbia College of Chicago)	9th-12th	https://www.colum.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/initiatives/young-authors-writing-competition.html Submission window opens in fall
	University of Iowa Department of English Hemingway Festival High School Writing Contest	11th-12th	https://uihemingwayfestivalwritingcontest.sumbmittable.com/submit Submission window opens in October
February	The Atlantic and College Board Writing Prize	16-19 yrs	https://www.collegeboard.org/writing-prize/official-rules Submission window opens in January
	National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards	Nominated 11th grader	http://www2.ncte.org/awards/achievement-awards-in-writing/ Submission window opens in November
	We the Students Essay Contest (Bill of Rights Institute)	8th-12th	https://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/
	Annual Holocaust Art and Writing Contest (Chapman University)	6th-12th	https://chapman.edu/research/institutes-and-centers/holocaust-education/rodgers-center/holocaust-art-and-writing-contest/index.aspx Submission window opens in fall Categories for both prose and poetry
	Elizabeth Bishop Prize in Fiction, Verse, or Playwriting	8th-11th	https://yaagroup.wordpress.com/2011/01/03/the-bishop-prize-2/ Submission window opens in March of previous year. Winners are selected from submissions to <i>The Blue Pencil Online</i> over the course of the year.
	Davidson Fellows Scholarship for Literature	18 yrs and under	http://www.davidsongifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship Submissions must be college graduate level work and have significant impact on society

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	Writopia Lab Worldwide Plays Festival	6th-12th	http://www.writopialab.org/programs/specialty-programs/worldwide-plays-festival/the-competition Both Writopia Workshopppers (internal) and others (external) can submit (note: Los Angeles has Writopia workshop) Middle School and High School Divisions
	Submissions for <i>Aerie International Journal</i>	9th-12th	https://aerieinternational.wordpress.com/submissions-2013/ Submission window opens in fall
	Submissions for <i>Di-vêrsé-city</i> , Youth Anthology (Austin Poets International)	18 yrs and under	https://www.aipf.org/aipf/Submission_Guidelines.asp Submission window opens in September
March	The Claremont Review Writing Contest	13-19 yrs	https://www.theclaremontreview.ca/contest Submission window opens in January
	Richard G. Zimmerman Scholarship	12th grade journalism	http://www.press.org/about/scholarships/zimmerman Must intend to pursue a career in journalism
	National High School Essay Contest (United States Institute of Peace)	9th-12th	https://www.usip.org/public-education/students/AFSAEssayContest
	Manningham Trust Student Poetry Contest	6th-12th	http://www.nfsps.com/student_awards.htm Submission window opens in winter Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12) divisions
	OddContest (Odyssey Con)	18 yrs and under	http://www.odysseycon.org/contest/contest.html Submission window opens in winter Speculative (science fiction, fantasy, or horror) stories or prose poems
	Submissions for the <i>Interlochen Review</i>	9th-12th	http://www.interlochenreview.org/submit/ Submission window opens in winter.
	Young Playwrights Festival (The Blank Theatre)	19 yrs and under	http://www.theblank.com/young-playwrights-festival/ Submission window opens in fall
April	Adriot Prizes for Poetry and Prose	9th-12th	http://www.theadroitjournal.org/adroit-prizes Submission window open in winter. Categories for poetry and prose.
	Signet Classics Student Scholarship Essay Contest	11th-12th	https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/signet-essay-contest/ Essay based on a specific book each year; essays submitted by teacher.
	Princeton University Ten Minute Play Contest	11th	http://arts.princeton.edu/about/opportunities/high-school-contests/ Submission window opens in Fall

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May	The New Voices One-Act Competition for Young Playwrights	19yrs and under	https://www.youthplays.com/submit_play.php Submission window opens in fall
June	Ocean Awareness Student Contest	6th-12th	http://www.fromthebowseat.org/faqs.php Submission window opens in September Junior (ages 11-14) and Senior (ages 15-18) divisions
	<i>Rattle</i> , Young Poets Anthology	16 yrs and under	https://rattle.submittable.com/submit/34387/young-poets-anthology Nominating teacher submits up to 5 students per year
Revolving	Submissions for <i>Imagine Magazine</i> (Johns Hopkins University)	14-18 yrs	https://cty.jhu.edu/imagine/guidelines/ Proposals for feature articles on variety of topics; each issue has different topics.
	<i>Inkitt</i> Novel Contest	any	https://www.inkitt.com/novelcontest?utm_source=affiliate_johnfox Winner receives book deal with marketing assistance, cover design, and percentage of royalties for book
	Submissions for <i>Canvas Literary Journal</i>	13-18 yrs	https://canvasliteraryjournal.submittable.com/submit Quarterly deadlines. Accepts only 500 submissions per issue/quarter
	Submissions for <i>Jet Fuel Review</i> (Lewis University)	any	http://www.jetfuelreview.com/ Fall issue submission window: August 15th to October 15th Spring issue submission window: January 15th to March 15th
	Submissions for <i>One Teen Story</i>	13-19 yrs	https://www.one-story.com/index.php?page=submit&pubcode=os Fall submission window: September 1st to November 14th Spring submission window: January 15th to May 31st
	Submissions for <i>Winter Tangerine</i>	any	http://www.wintertangerine.com/submit/ Bi-annual anthology.
	Submissions for <i>Hang Loose Magazine</i>	9th-12th	http://hangingloosepress.com/submissions.html#hsw
Deadline Unknown	Creative Minds Competition for <i>Imagine Magazine</i>	14-18 yrs	https://cty.jhu.edu/imagine/guidelines/contest/creativeminds.html Check deadline for competition
	VSA Playwright Discovery Program Competition (The Kennedy Center)	6th-12th	http://education.kennedy-center.org/education/vsa/programs/about_playwright_competition.cfm Submissions accepted by group or individual; must have a disability

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