



## 2023-2024 Creative Writing Contest Guidelines

# TOMORROW

### Contest Categories:

- The fourth annual MACOA Creative Writing Contest will accept entries in **Essay** (limit of 3000 words or fewer), **Poetry, and Short Story** (limit of 3000 words or fewer).
- One winner will be chosen from each of the above genres in two age brackets: **10th-12th Grade and Adult**

### Contest Information:

- The 2022-2023 Creative Writing Contest will accept entries October 13th - December 8th, 2023.
- Entries must be submitted as a PDF document to Mineral Area Council on the Arts via email at **MACOACreativeWriting@MineralArea.edu** or mail at MACOA, PO Box 1000, Park Hills, MO 63601 by 4:00 p.m. December 8, 2023.
- Contest is open to the MACOA service region which includes *Iron, Madison, Perry, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, and Washington* counties in the state of Missouri.

### Guidelines:

- An author may submit more than one entry but *only* one entry per genre.
- The theme of the 2023-2024 Creative Writing Contest is **TOMORROW**. Each entry must relate to this theme.
- Entries will be judged on quality of *writing, content, focus, originality, form, structure, organization, style, language, and use of conventions*.
- Prior to submitting a work for judging, authors, please assess the content to decide whether it is appropriate in a family-oriented public reading.
- Entries must be **typed, double spaced, using Times New Roman, and 11 pt font** for effortless readability.
- Entries must be submitted *with the entry form* (see page two). Do **NOT** include the name of the author or age bracket on the entry. This information should appear only on the entry form.
- Hand-written entries will not be accepted.
- Entries must be unpublished or strictly self-published works.

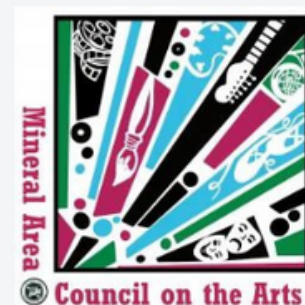
### Creative Writing Workshop:

- Please join us as the contest will culminate in a Creative Writing Workshop at the Mineral Area College Fine Art Gallery next to the Theater in Park Hills. (DATE TBD) The workshop will be followed by the public reading of the six winning entries. Awards Information:
- Winners will receive a cash prize and a public reading of the winning entry.
- The six winning entries will be published on [www.MineralAreaArts.org](http://www.MineralAreaArts.org).
- One overall winner will receive the honor of having his/her work published in the "Daily Journal".
- Winners will be announced January 12th.

## "TOMORROW"

Annual Mineral Area Council on the Arts  
*Creative Writing Contest*

*Essay*  
*Short Story*  
*Poetry*



*Submissions OPEN*

**October 13 - December 8**

*Forms can be found at [MineralAreaArts.org](http://MineralAreaArts.org)*

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