

Arizona 4-H Creative Writing Contest Rules

(This contest is NOT a Qualifier for Western National Roundup)

The purpose of the Creative Writing Contest is to provide members an opportunity to show their work and have their writing skills critiqued.

Age Divisions:

Junior – 8-10 Years Old
Intermediate – 11-13 Years Old
Senior – 14-19 Years Old

Age Divisions will be determined by age as of 12/31/2023.

Rules:

- All entries must be mounted to poster board or inserted into page protectors. No loose pages.
- The first page of the actual writing composition should include the title of the piece, but no personal information.
- All entries must be typed using a 10 point type or larger and have one-inch margins. All multi-page entries must have the title and page number on every page..
- The writer's name cannot appear anywhere on the pages with the submission.
- Length: Poems should be no longer than two pages; essays should be between 500-1500 words; and short stories may be up to 10 pages.
- Show organizers reserve the right to turn away any submissions that it deems inappropriate or offensive in subject matter including works with overtly pornographic, discriminatory or violent messages.
- Work must be original. Any borrowed ideas or language must be appropriately acknowledged.

Awards:

- Each Contestant will be awarded based on the Danish System. Blue Awards will be given to those who exceed expectations. Red Awards will be given to those who meet expectations. White Awards will be given to those who do not meet expectations.
- Each age division may have one champion.
- There may also be a Fan Favorite Award in each division. That award will be based on in-person votes from those attending the show.