



Teen Winter Writing Contest, 2019

The Details

- **Submissions will be accepted between Monday, Dec. 3, 2018 and Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.**
- All participants must be in grades 6 to 12 and reside within the Capital District.
- School assignments will be accepted. Previously published material will NOT be accepted. All entries must be original work.
- Judging will be anonymous and based on content, creativity, style and technique. All decisions are final.
- Contest Categories:
 - 6-8th Grade Prose
 - 6-8th Grade Poetry/Other
 - 9-12th Grade Prose
 - 9-12th Grade Poetry/Other
- You may submit only one piece of writing per category, but may submit to both categories for your age group.

The Submission

- Attach your piece as a Word Document to an email and send to: TeenWinterWriting@gmail.com.
- Entries must include a title page with the following information:
 - **Title of piece**
 - **Your first and last name** (Do NOT include your name on any other page)
 - **Your address**
 - **Your school AND your grade**
 - **Your phone number AND your email address**
 - **Contest Category** (If you are unsure about which category to choose for your piece, contact the Library for assistance – CPH: 518-371-8622, GPL: 518-456-2400)
- Entries must be typed, double spaced, 12pt font.
- Do NOT include page numbers in your piece, but DO follow these guidelines: Prose (fiction/nonfiction) submissions may not exceed **10 pages**. Poetry submissions may not exceed **5 pages**. Pieces falling under “other” (graphic novel mediums, playwriting, screenwriting) may not exceed **20 pages**.
- Failure to meet these requirements may disqualify your piece.

The Prizes

- Prizes will be awarded in each category.
- **Grand Prize:** All first place winners will have the unique opportunity to workshop their pieces with Donna Liquori, *Bibliophiles* columnist for the Times Union. The workshop will be scheduled after the winners have been decided.
- ALL participants are invited to attend a reception on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm**. First place winners will have the opportunity to read excerpts from their pieces at the reception.
- First place winners will be notified and announced the week of the reception. Honorable mentions will be announced and recognized at the reception.
- Winners and honorable mentions will be published in a book!

