



2019 TBAWP Youth Writers Conference – Write Ahead Contests

All entries must come from registered conference attendees. If you plan to submit, please register beforehand. Individuals are limited to one entry (not per contest – one entry total). Individuals from the same group may submit to the same contest; each individual, regardless of affiliation, may submit only one contest entry.

All winners will receive a certificate at the conference and their work will be published on our website! Submit all entries digitally via tbyouthwriters.com/contest-info

Deadline: Friday October 25th before Midnight Email icewriters@gmail.com with questions

Contests for Elementary Writers (Up to 5th Grade)

1. **Yuck!** Write a short story about *the grossest* thing you ever witnessed (or heard about) at school. Here's the trick, don't just gross me out. You have to make me laugh, too.
100-500 words FIRM
Judge: Dr. Faye Powell, TBAWP Class of 2018
2. **Writer's Playground** Like slides, swings, and monkey bars, literary devices are a writer's playground. Write a poem *about an actual playground* using as many literary devices as you can.
Poem must fit on a single page without making the font less than 12.
Judge: TBA

Contests for Middle School Writers (Grades 6-8)

1. **"You're halfway there..."** Write a short story that includes this line of dialogue.
500-2000 words FIRM. No fan fiction please.
Judge: TBA
2. **Found Poem** Create a found poem from a source of your choice. Not sure what a found poem is? Look it up or ask your teacher!
Poem must fit on a single page without making the font less than 12.
Judge: TBA

Contests for High School Writers (Grades 9-12)

1. **Awkwarrrrrd...** Tell a story so horrifyingly awkward that the judge wants to hide their face behind a pillow. We want Michael Scott-quality social faux pas. We want Riverdale levels of cringe. Your writing needs to be good, but the story itself needs to be bad.
Either a short story (<4k words) or short play (8-12 properly formatted pages)
Judge: Emily Chmielewski, Former Editor of *The Echo* art and literary magazine
2. **Con(form)ity** Your topic is *conformity*. Your genre is poetry of any set form such as but not limited to: sonnets, villanelles, sestinas, ghazals, etc. (no haikus)
Poems should be imagery rich and cliché free.
Judge: TBA

Contests for College Students (Undergraduate and Graduate)

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Visit tbyouthwriters.com/contest-info or follow us on twitter @tbyouthwriters for tips, info about the judges and other useful information