

SCSC WRITING CONTEST

2021–22 Theme: Hope

The SCSC Writing Contest provides students with an opportunity to express themselves through fiction, non-fiction and/or poetry. This contest was established to encourage the love of language and writing for all students and as a way to recognize the talented young writers in south central Minnesota. SCSC partners with Minnesota State University, Mankato on this project. Students in grades K–12 attending public, private or homeschools are eligible to enter. Up to three pieces per category and submissions in multiple categories are welcome. Entries should address the 2021–22 theme: **Hope**. For additional contest details visit www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest.

How to Enter: Create a poem, fiction or non-fiction piece. Follow the general rules and entry guidelines listed below. Submit your writings along with an entry form via email or mail. Entries must be received by March 25, 2022.

CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

Poetry:

Arrangement of words in an artistic and purposeful manner that expresses the writer's thoughts and/or feelings about a subject of their choice using style and rhythm (ex: sonnets, haiku, free verse).

- Limit three entries per student
- Maximum length is two pages, double-spaced per entry

Fiction (Imaginary/Fantasy):

Stories that describe imaginary events and people that entertain the reader with realistic details, involving characters who experience a conflict (ex: historical fiction, realistic fiction, fantasy, science fiction, mystery).

- Limit three entries per student
- Maximum length is four pages, double-spaced per entry

Non-Fiction (True/Factual):

(Choose one or more non-fiction types)

Personal narrative: A true story that describes a real event or experiences in the author's life.

Information: Factual writing to convey knowledge of a topic and research findings.

Essay/Opinion: A feeling or thought you have about a subject or topic, supported by research.

- Limit three entries per student
- Maximum length is four pages, double-spaced per entry

All entries should relate to the 2021–22 theme: Hope.

Hope: To desire something to happen or to be true, or to think something could happen or be true.

General Rules:

- Entries must be the student's original work and previously unpublished.
- Entry forms are available on the back or online at www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest. Electronic entries preferred.
- One entry form should be completed per individual.
- Entries must be received electronically or by mail by March 25, 2022.
- Entry fees are waived thanks to a grant from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.
- Winning entries will be published in an anthology. Please refrain from explicit language or content.
- Please save a copy of each entry for your records.

Entry Guidelines:

- Title each entry piece.
- Entries should be typed or written on white (or notebook) paper in legible font/handwriting.
- Please, no staples or other binding.

Judging process:

Entries will be reviewed by Minnesota State University, Mankato elementary education students who will score based on a rubric.

Announcing Winners:

Winners will be contacted via email to attend the award ceremony.

Award Ceremony:

An award ceremony will be held in May to honor the finalists. Additional details will be provided to winning students.

Awards:

Each winner will receive a copy of the anthology. Additional prizes may be awarded.

Other information:

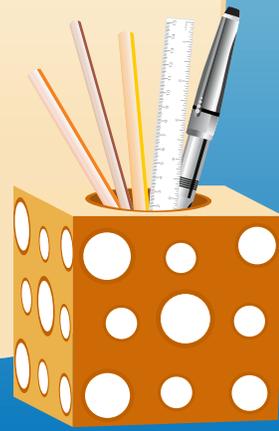
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SCSC Writing Contest Entry Form

Electronic entry and payment preferred at www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest

Entry Deadline: Received by March 25, 2022

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Student Name _____ Grade _____

Contact Person _____ Relationship to Student _____

Student Home City _____ Contact Phone _____

Contact Email (required; one most used) _____

School Name _____ School City _____

___Poetry: Limit 3.

Titles: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

___Fiction: Limit 3.

Titles: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

___Creative Non-fiction: Limit 3.

Titles: (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

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By submitting an entry I acknowledge that I have read and accept the rules of the contest. I certify that the writing submitted is my original work and has not been published elsewhere. I give permission to publish my submission in an anthology, on a website or both as well as in promotional materials. I understand that my submission may be edited for content, language or formatting for the published anthology.

Student Signature (typing name is signature if submitting electronically) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (typing name is signature if submitting electronically) _____

Electronic submissions are encouraged:

Online: www.mnscsc.org/writing-contest

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