2020 MYAF CREATIVE WRITING GUIDELINES

PURPOSE
The Michigan Youth Arts Festival Creative Writing Awards recognize English Language Arts Programs and showcase young writers in Grades 9-12.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION
The Michigan Council of Teachers of English

GUIDELINES
Teachers who are current members of the Michigan Council of Teachers of English may submit the work of any Michigan secondary student (grades 9-12), completed during the 2019-2020 school year in the genres of poetry, fiction, drama, creative non-fiction, or graphic novel.

PROCESS
Teachers should submit only the best, original writing from their classes. Do not submit class sets of writing assignments or student artwork. Failure to submit entries in the proper format will result in disqualification of all entries from that teacher for the current year’s competition.

• Writers must submit their best creative writing in one genre per student.
• Students should submit their writing by their preferred name as they would like to see it published in the 2020 Creative Writing Book.
• Each piece of student writing must be in a separate Word or PDF document titled with the format SURNAME_TITLE. At the top of each document, include the student’s full name, title of the piece, grade (9, 10, 11 or 12), school, and teacher’s full name.
• Each student must complete one Student Entry Form, signed by both the student and the teacher (digital signatures are acceptable).
• Each teacher must complete one Student Submission Roster.
• Teachers must submit all required documents, via email, in one zipped/compressed folder to: lillylaccaawsc-academy.org
• Submission deadline: February 28, 2020
• Awards and Festival invitations will be announced in mid March.

THE FESTIVAL
The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is a comprehensive arts spectacular, culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. More than 250,000 students across the state are involved in the adjudication process that results in nearly 1,000 being invited to participate in the annual three-day event, held in May.
Creative writing students will participate in workshops with a guest writer, the award winners’ pieces will be published in a book, and selected works will also be published in the Festival program book. Selected pieces may be read at the Theatre and Creative Writing showcase by their authors or by student actors.

CONTACT
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