

Tulsa City-County Library Presents Young People's Creative Writing Contest Featuring Cash Prizes – "Write every day." That is the advice any award-winning author gives to aspiring writers. Tulsa City-County Library's annual Young People's Creative Writing contest can help achieve a writing routine. You are given deadline, parameters and encouraged to submit your best story.

Entries for the 2017 contest are being accepted February 1-March 4. The contest is free to enter and open to ages 10-18 for those who live in Tulsa County, attend school in Tulsa County or have a nonresident library card. There are three age divisions: 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18.

Participants may enter one manuscript per category.

Within Each Age Division, There Are Five Categories:

- Short Story – each entry no more than 1,500 words.
- Informal Essay – a short composition on a topic of issue giving your opinion or recounting a personal experience. Limited to 1,500 words.
- Poetry – one poem, no more than 300 words.
- Short Play – no more than six characters, no more than three locations, no more than 10 pages. Limited to five to 10 minutes in length.
- Comix – entry must be complete in and of itself, and not a fragment of a larger work. No more than eight pages.

Work can be with or without words, in black and white or color, and fiction or nonfiction. Computer-generated images are acceptable as long as they are original works (no clip art). Use 8 ½" by 11" paper and submit as flat work, not as a booklet.

Within each age division and category, cash prizes are awarded in the following amounts: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. The "Writer to Watch" award is endowed by retired TCCL librarian Rosemary Moran, the award of \$100 recognizes a young adult demonstrated promising writing techniques.

Entry forms with rules and regulations are available at all TCCL locations or on the library's teen website, <http://teens.tulsalibrary.org/YPCWC>.

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