



# **APPLAUSE 2020 - LITERARY ARTS**

**REVISED GUIDELINES AS OF 4/20/20. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> GRADES.

The writing component of **APPLAUSE 2020** consists of three categories:  
**Poetry, Short Story, and Essay.**

Student writers may submit entries for any of the three categories, but may not submit more than one application in each category. There is NO fee for this year's program. Entries will be split into three age groups -- grades 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12. Finalists will be published on our website.

**Each application must have a typed cover sheet attached with the writer's name, age/grade, category, mailing address, phone number, school, and Language Arts teacher's name.**

## **Poetry Category**

Entries in this category may be in any poetic form. They will be evaluated on consistency of emotion, originality of expression, and overall effectiveness. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, and ready for photocopying.

## **Short Story Category**

Entries in this category must be at least 500 words in length, and no more than 1500 words. They will be evaluated on characterization, cohesion, conflict, narration, impact, and adherence to the requirements of standard written English. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins. Each page must be numbered and ready for photocopying.

## **Essay Category**

Entries in this category must be at least 500 words and no more than 2500 words of prose non-fiction. Writers should address readers at their own grade level or higher without violating the general community's standards of good taste. Essays will be evaluated on clarity of purpose and expression, effectiveness, organization, voice, and adherence to the requirements of standard written English. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins. Each page must be numbered and ready for photocopying.

**ALL entries must be received via email by Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Entries should be emailed to: [office@artsoutreach.com](mailto:office@artsoutreach.com)**

**QUESTIONS? Email [office@artsoutreach.com](mailto:office@artsoutreach.com)**