



# **APPLAUSE 2023 - LITERARY ARTS**

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

The writing component of **APPLAUSE 2023** 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 a \$5 entry fee for each application. Entries will be split into three age groups -- grades 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12. Finalists' works will be on display at an exhibition open to the community.

**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, with 1-inch margins

## **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.

## **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.

**ALL entries must be received by Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5 p.m.**

Entries should be emailed to [office@artsoutreach.com](mailto:office@artsoutreach.com)

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