

NEWLHS Expo

Writing Contest Rules

General Guidelines Divisions: 7th & 8th

Categories: Stories & Poetry

Entry Requirements:

1. All entries must be original writing by the individual student. Plagiarized work will not be accepted.
2. Each participant can only enter one piece of writing between the two categories.
3. All entries must be turned in with an entry form. The author's name should NOT be written on the entry itself. We have a system so the entries will remain anonymous while they are judged.
4. All entries must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. in the NEWLHS office.
5. Entries and awards can be taken home after 3:00.
6. Each entry will receive a certificate of participation. In each division (7th grade, 8th grade) a scholarship will honor the most outstanding entry for each category (stories, poetry).

Story Division Format- Typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman font, size 12 font Length- 1000-2000 words (3-5 pages) Judging Criteria- Character & Plot Development (10 points), Word Choice & Sentence Structure (10 points), Uniqueness & Creativity (10 points), Neatness & Minimal Errors (10 points) Awards- 32 - 40 points Blue Ribbon, 26- 31 points Red Ribbon, 20 - 25 points White Ribbon

Poetry Division Format- Typed (unless it is a form or shape that can only be hand-written) Length- 12-50 lines Judging Criteria- Sound & Tone (10 points), Description & Imagery (10 points), Uniqueness & Creativity (10 points), Neatness & Minimal Errors (10 points) Awards- 32 - 40 points Blue Ribbon, 26 - 31 points Red Ribbon, 20 - 25 points White Ribbon

* A select number of students from NEWLHS will be judging the student writing on the specific criteria and will place the writing in an award category based on that criteria.