

Southwest Michigan Teen Creative Writing Challenge 2020

Entries Accepted November 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020

<https://www.vbdl.org/creative-writing-challenge/>

COMICS RULES

1st Place \$100 2nd Place \$50 3rd Place \$25

General Guidelines

- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Comics may be submitted by one person or as a collaboration between one writer and one artist. Cash prizes will be split between co-creators.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Hard copies will not be accepted.

Technical Specifications

- Comics must be at least one full page and no longer than five. Each page must be a minimum of 6"x9" and numbered.
- Artwork must be original hand-drawn art, digital art, etc. NO clipart, images, etc., found on the Internet or elsewhere may be used. Tracing of other images, etc., is not permissible.
- Only JPEG/JPG or TIFF/TIF files allowed. PDFs will not be accepted.
- Recommended dimensions: 2,560 pixels (H) x 1,600 pixels (W). Minimum requirements: 1,000 x 626 pixels. Maximum: 10,000 x 10,000 pixels.
- Recommended minimum resolution: 300 DPI.
- Files must be less than 50mb.

Submitting Your Work

- Go to: <https://www.vbdl.org/creative-writing-challenge/>
- Fill out all necessary information
- Click on "Choose File" to upload your work
- Click on "Submit" Note: All submissions are final. No edits or changes can be made once submitted.

Winners will be announced the week of April 13, 2020

Awards Ceremony is June 20 at 2 pm at the Dowagiac Performing Arts Center

Have contest related questions? Contact your local library or email TCWC@vbdl.org

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COVER ART RULES

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General Guidelines

- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Only works produced by a single artist are allowed.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Hard copies will not be accepted.

Technical Specifications

- Artwork must be sized to accommodate the cover of a 6"x9" book.
- Portrait orientation is preferred. Larger images, landscape, or odd dimensions will be adjusted to fit cover of book.
- Artwork must be original hand-drawn art, digital art, photography, painting, etc. NO clipart, images, etc., found on the Internet or elsewhere may be used. Tracing of other images, etc., is not permissible.
- Only JPEG/JPG or TIFF/TIF files allowed. PDFs will not be accepted.
- Recommended dimensions: 2,560 pixels (H) x 1,600 pixels (W). Minimum requirements: 1,000 x 626 pixels. Maximum: 10,000 x 10,000 pixels.
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FICTION RULES

Must be between 1,000 and 3,000 words.

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Prizes for each category in Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

General Guidelines

- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Stories must be written by a single writer.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Handwritten and/or hard copies will not be accepted.
- Illustrated stories will not be accepted.

Submitting Your Work

- Go to: <https://www.vbdl.org/creative-writing-challenge/>
- Fill out all necessary information
- Click on "Choose File" to upload your work
- Work must be submitted in black Ariel, Helvetica or Times New Roman fonts, minimum 10-point size.
- Accepted formats: .doc, .docx, .pdf or .rtf
- Click on "Submit" Note: All submissions are final. No edits or changes can be made once submitted.

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FLASH FICTION RULES

Flash Fiction: A story of extreme brevity that still offers character and plot development. Must be 500 words or fewer.

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Prizes for each category in Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

General Guidelines

- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Stories must be written by a single writer.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Handwritten and/or hard copies will not be accepted.
- Illustrated stories will not be accepted.

Submitting Your Work

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- Fill out all necessary information
- Click on "Choose File" to upload your work
- Work must be submitted in black Ariel, Helvetica or Times New Roman fonts, minimum 10-point size.
- Accepted formats: .doc, .docx, .pdf or .rtf
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Poetry Rules

Poems must be no longer than 225 lines.

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Prizes for each category in Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12

General Guidelines

- Participants may submit one entry per category.
- Participants must be in grades 7-12.
- Poems must be written by a single writer.
- Previously submitted or published works will not be accepted.
- Handwritten and/or hard copies will not be accepted.
- Illustrated poems will not be accepted; however, concrete or shape poetry will be allowed.

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