

## SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CHALLENGE 2019 COMICS RULES

- Participants may only submit one work in each category per contest. (For example, you may submit both a comic and a story, but not two comics.)
- Writers/artists must be in grades 7-12. Homeschooled writers/artists should be age 12-18 and working at the grade 7-12 level.
- Comics entries may be the work of a single individual or of a collaboration between one writer and one artist. Cash prizes will be split between co-creators.
- Previously published works will not be accepted.
- Each page must be a minimum of 6"x9", and comics must be at least one full page and no more than 5 pages long. Artwork must be original hand-drawn art, digital art, etc. No clip art, no images from the Internet or elsewhere, no tracing.
- Comics may be submitted from Friday, February 1 through Friday, April 12.
- Writers/artists must fill out a Registration Form, available online through our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/swmtcwc](http://www.facebook.com/swmtcwc)), website ([teencreativewritingchallenge.wordpress.com/registration](http://teencreativewritingchallenge.wordpress.com/registration)), or on a paper form available at any participating library by the end of April 12.
- To enter online, email your comic to [teen.writing.challenge@gmail.com](mailto:teen.writing.challenge@gmail.com) as a high-resolution (at least 300 ppi) image in one of the following formats: .jpg, .pdf, png, or .tif. Include your name, school, and grade in the email accompanying the work—NOT on the work itself. You may also share your work on Google Drive.
- You may also hand in a hard copy of your work to your local participating public library. Original work will not be returned.
- Hard copy entries must be in the hands of participating library staff by closing time April 12. Emailed entries must be sent to [teen.writing.challenge@gmail.com](mailto:teen.writing.challenge@gmail.com) by 11:59 PM April 12.
- Finalists will be announced by email, on the website, and on Facebook on Tuesday, April 30. If a writer or artist does not provide an email address, efforts will be made to contact the winner via phone, mail, or other route.
- Winners will be announced through the same channels on Tuesday, May 7. The Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 15, 2:00 PM at the Main Library of Cass District Library in Cassopolis.