

## SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CHALLENGE 2019 POETRY RULES

- Participants may only submit one work in each category per contest. (For example, you may submit both a poem and a story, but not two poems.)
- Writers must be in grades 7-12. Homeschooled writers should be age 12-18 and working at the grade 7-12 level.
- Only poems produced by a single writer are allowed.
- Previously published works will not be accepted.
- Poems must be no longer than 225 lines. Handwritten poems will not be accepted. Only black Arial, Helvetica, or Times New Roman fonts, minimum 10-point size, will be accepted. Illustrated poems will not be accepted.
- Poems may be submitted from Friday, February 1 through Friday, April 12.
- Writers 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 poem to [teen.writing.challenge@gmail.com](mailto:teen.writing.challenge@gmail.com) in one of the following formats: .doc, .docx, or .rtf. PDF will not be accepted. Include your name, school, and grade on the work or in the email accompanying the work. 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 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.