

Junior Department

CREATIVE WRITING

Coordinator: Charlie Barboni, Fair Office

Judges:

Bob Beaumont, Oakland, Published Haikuist

Lauren Howard, Kentfield, Creative Writing Enthusiast

Penn Mullin, San Rafael, Author of Children's Books & Teacher of Creative Writing

Susan Terris, San Francisco, Poet & Editor

Plus additional judges to be announced.

Timeline & Rules

Entry Forms Due → On or before Thursday, May 10, 5 pm, Fair Office

Note: You may enter online at marinfair.org through Friday, June 1

For an instructor or teacher entering a class or group of entries, please email exhibits@marincounty.org to receive a Group Entry Form.

Entry Limit → Two Entries per Exhibitor per Class

Entry Fee → None

Exhibits Received → **2 Days** Friday, June 8, 3 pm to 7 pm, & Saturday, June 9, 10 am to 5 pm, Exhibit Hall

Exhibits Released → Thursday, July 5, 12 Noon to 7 pm, Exhibit Hall

1. Entries MUST BE ORIGINAL and will be judged on originality, form, structure, and neatness.
2. The majority of Junior Creative Writing entries will be hole-punched and displayed in binders. Entries must either be neatly mounted (**maximum size 9" x 11.5"**) or submitted in a folder (which may not be included in the display).
3. Entries may not be marked with grades or comments by teachers.
4. Include name, phone number, and Division & Class **on back** of entry. (If entry is submitted in a folder, label both the back of the folder and the back of the entry itself.)
5. Entries being submitted by teachers for their students should also include teacher's name and school on back of entries. Teachers should fill out a Group Entry Form rather than individual Entry Forms for each student (email exhibits@marincounty.org for details).
6. **Entries must be picked up in person. A signed letter of authorization from the artist or exhibitor must be provided to pick up entries for another person. Entries will not be released without claim check.**
7. If teacher is to pick up entries for entire class after Fair please notify Exhibits Supervisor at time of delivery.

Junior Creative Writing Divisions

No Entry Fee.

Division 355 5 through 8 Years

Division 356 9 through 12 Years

Division 357 13 through 15 Years

Division 358 16 through 18 Years

Note: Be sure to enter the appropriate division for your age.

Class (For all four Junior Creative Writing Divisions above)

- 1 Character Sketch or Short Biography of someone you know
- 2 **New!** Poetry, *Friendship*
- 3 Poetry, Haiku
- 4 Poetry, any other theme
- 5 **New!** Short Story, *FUN!*
- 6 Short Play or Skit
- 7 Short Story for Children, illustrated, fewer than 500 words
- 8 Short Story or Essay, any other topic
- 9 My Pet – Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story about your pet(s)
- 10 **New!** *World Unity* or *Equality* or *Diversity* – Write a Poem, Essay, or Short Story

Danish System of Judging – Awards Offered per Class at discretion of the Judges

1st Place – Ribbon ● 2nd Place – Ribbon ● 3rd Place – Ribbon

**Best of Class – Award Sign & Rosette Ribbon
(One may be awarded in each class)**

Additional Special Awards for Poetry (any other):

Best of Class – Poetry (any other) 9-12 years – \$25

Best of Class – Poetry (any other) 13-15 years – \$25

Best of Class – Poetry (any other) 16-18 years – \$50

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