



## **YOUNG MASTER WRITERS PROGRAM (YMWP) COMPETITION**

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

1. Eligibility: High School Students (Grades 9-12).
2. Contestants may submit **original, previously unpublished** works on subjects of their choice.
3. All submission **must be in PDF format**. Word or other text documents will not be reviewed. Contestants may submit original works of one or more of the following:
  - A. **Poetry**: A Complete Poetry Submission includes a collection of **exactly three (3) poems**. **The three poems must be in a single document (PDF)**.
  - B. **Prose-Essays**: Three single pages maximum (No research papers please); maximum word count: 750.
  - C. **Prose-Short Stories**: Five pages; maximum word count: 1,000
4. **Submission Deadline: March 15, 2022 5:00 p.m. EST**  
Entries may be submitted to our online portal beginning March 1:  
<https://linksinc.wishpond.com/ymwp-entry>  
Chapters should only give the submission link to their winning entries for upload. Chapters may upload on behalf of entrants. Each entry must be submitted separately. If a single entrant has submissions in more than one category. They may all be submitted at the same time.

### **(WORKS CONTAINING PROFANITY OR SEXUAL CONTENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE)**

5. Instructions for completing entries:
  - A. Documents to use 12 point, Times New Roman, spacing of 1.5.
  - B. Page: 8 ½ x 11 portrait.
  - C. The title and contestants name must appear at the top of each page. We recommend placing it in the header.
  - D. Each submission page must be numbered consecutively at the bottom
  - E. Format: PDF Only. Do not submit live/editable files.
6. Submissions received via online portal only: <https://linksinc.wishpond.com/ymwp-entry>
7. By submitting your work, you ascertain that you alone are the author of the work. You grant The Links, Incorporated the right to publish, promote, and distribute your work in print and digital formats.
8. Entries will not be returned.



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### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- 1. Who is eligible to participate as a writer in the competition?**  
The YMWP is open to currently enrolled high school students. Students under the age of 18 need the written permission of a parent or guardian to participate. All must submit a valid permission document.
- 2. How many student entries can be submitted? Can a student submit both poetry and prose?**  
A student may submit a maximum of three entries of poetry, prose, or essay. *Please note each individual poetry submission **must contain three poems.***
- 3. Can previously published student works be submitted?** No. Only original, previously unpublished student works may be submitted to the competition.
- 4. Who owns works submitted to the competition?** The student poet/author owns works submitted to the competition. The Links, Incorporated is given the right to publish, promote and distribute the student's submitted work(s) in print or digital formats.
- 5. How should the YMWP be implemented by local chapters?**  
Chapters are encouraged to implement the program utilizing existing or new chapter partners incorporating program recommendations as included in the YMWP Program Kit. Chapters are encouraged to invite their partners – schools, nonprofit education related organizations, churches, Greek organizations, other social clubs and similar organizations to participate.
- 6. Can writers use any kind of inspiration for their literary piece?**  
Yes. Writers may use any inspiration in writing about a subject of their choice. Please note: The use of profanity or sexual content will result in automatic disqualification.
- 7. Who will judge the national competition?**  
Judges will be selected by the YMWP Competition. Submissions will be judged taking into account, among other things, creativity, style, originality, clarity, coherence, logical and effective organization.
- 8. Will there be awards for the winners?**  
Yes, prizes will be offered to first, second and third place winners selected by the competition judges. Also, when announced, Honorable Mention Awards will be given. Monetary awards for the current year are listed on the flyer. In addition to receiving a certificate of participation, writers and the chapters that support them will be recognized by The Links, Incorporated.
- 9. What will happen to writer submissions once they are presented to the YMWP?**

Before uploaded by students, all submissions must be reviewed by local chapters to ensure that all literary submissions conform to the program guidelines. Chapters will be responsible for submissions made in their name. Only those submissions that conform to YMWP requirements will be submitted to a national panel of judges who will rate the submissions.

The three winning entries and Honorable Mentions will each be offered a prize and receive a certificate of participation. Submissions meeting the program requirements will be compiled for publication and distribution by The Links, Incorporated. **Submissions will not be returned.**

**10. What is the timeline for submissions?**

The submission portal for the YMWP Competition opens March 1. Submission will be accepted for upload through March 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m. EST Any submissions received after this date will not be considered.

**Heir-o-Links and other relatives of Links or Connecting Links may not enter the YMWP Competition.**