



## Charles J. Thurmond Youth Art Scholarship Awards Kiwaniis Club of Gainesville's Writing Arts Showcase

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The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville invites the students of your school to participate in the **2017 Kiwanis Writing Showcase**. This competition provides an opportunity for Hall County **high school students** to receive recognition for their talent and hard work. In addition, this is an opportunity for local high school students to win scholarship funds to help finance their college education!

**The Kiwanis Writing Showcase Competition** will be held judged between March 12, 2018 and April 13, 2018. Winners will be announced by April 23, 2018.

### The Entry Process

1. All contestants must be students in good standing with their respective schools/home school organizations and currently registered in the **10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade**.
2. Applications will not be accepted without complete documentation.
3. **An entry fee in the amount of \$10.00 per entry is required to defray the cost of hosting the competition. Checks should be made payable to the Kiwanis Club of Gainesville and submitted with the entry application. Deadline** for receipt of entries is **March 10, 2018**.
4. Teachers/Students must mail or deliver hard copies of entries to:

Kiwanis Arts Program  
Kelly Lee  
1098 Dixon Circle  
Gainesville, GA 30501

### The Entry Guidelines

1. Contestants may participate in only one writing category. The categories are **Poetry, Essay, and Short Story**.
2. The maximum length for entries is as follows:  
Poetry- 200 lines  
Essay-3,000 words  
Short Story-3,000 words
3. Language and themes of entries should be appropriate for the classroom.
4. All work must be original. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
5. Entries must be typed, double spaced, and in 12 pt. font.
6. A **copy** of the completed application form must be attached to each entry as a cover sheet.
7. The pages of the manuscript must not contain the student's name or any other identifying information. Place only the title at the top of the first page.
8. The pages of the manuscript must be numbered in the upper right corner.
9. Please do not submit the manuscripts in a binder or folder.

### The Finals

1. All entries will be screened by qualified readers, and a maximum of 20 entries will be selected for the finals.
2. The judges will select four winners as the Best of Show.
3. The top three winners will receive scholarships as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> place                      \$2,500

2<sup>nd</sup> place                      \$1,500  
3<sup>rd</sup> place                        \$1,000

4. Scholarship monies will be presented in the form of a check issued to a college or university of the student's choice.

**Timeline for Events**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Deadline for receipt of entries	March 10	See address above
Notification of finalists	April 23, 2018	

Please encourage all interested students to participate in this competition. The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville hopes to see many of our local students demonstrate their talents and benefit from this opportunity to obtain scholarship funds to further their education.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

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