San Gabriel Valley District of Women's Clubs

CREATIVE WRITING CONTESTS

RULES FOR CLUB MEMBER AND STUDENT COMPETITIONS

1. Authors must be amateur; earnings from writing not to exceed $500 annually.
   Entries may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works.
   ****Entries must be typed and double-spaced to be considered for State contest****
   Please use minimum margins of (1) inch, using 8½x11-inch white paper, one side only.
2. Entries must be written during the Contest Year, **Jan. – Dec. 2026**.
3. Word limit for Prose is 2,000 words.
4. Poetry minimum length of (8) lines and maximum of (30) lines.
5. TOP RIGHT CORNER *Place Author's Name, Address, Telephone number, Email, Name of Club, District **Or** School, Grade, Address, Parent or Teacher's Email address.
6. Title of Entry, Number of words (prose) or Number of lines (poetry)
7. **Submit four (4) copies BY MAIL OR ONE COPY BY EMAIL of Entry AND Creative Writing Release AND Parent/Minor Publicity Release (if applicable)**
   To: Creative Writing Chairperson on or before January 8**, 2027.**
8. One First Place winner in Each Category will be sent to CFWC for further competition.

<u>Categories for Club Member Competition</u>

(Club size is not a consideration)

1. **PROSE**: Short Story, Essay, Memoir, Inspirational, Skit/Play, or Children's Story
2. **POETRY**: Haiku, Whimsical, Limerick, Inspirational, or Poetry for Children

<u>Categories for Student Competition</u>

Each student may enter no more than one (1) short story and one (1) poem for competition.
The grade divisions are set forth by CFWC and judging is done accordingly.

Category 1 – Grades K, 1, 2
Category 2 – Grades 3, 4, 5
Category 3 – Grades 6, 7, 8
Category 4 – Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

ALL entries may be sent **BY:**

1. **Email:** District@SGVD.ORG **One double spaced copy** with name, grade and school, see items 1-7 listed above under Rules for Club Members and Student Competition
2. **Four (4) double spaced copies**: Mail to: San Gabriel Valley District - 1142 So. Diamond Bar Blvd. #861 Diamond Bar, CA 91765

<u>Awards</u>

Adult Winners will receive certificates and recognition at District Convention. Students winners will receive ribbons and certificates delivered to their school. One First Place Winner will be selected from each category and forwarded to CFWC for further competition.