



# WRITING CONTEST

## Department 29—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$75.00

Entry Fee: \$0.75 per Class (2 entries per Class maximum)

Entries Due Electronically for Judging: Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 12:00 am (midnight)

Location of Exhibits on Display: Building E Photography Area)

Superintendent: Rich Tobiasz.....(815)675-6455

### Rules and Regulations

1. Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 19, 2020 or (if electronic) by 12 am (midnight) online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
2. **The piece of work being entered is due for judging on or before July 19, 2020 at 12:00 am (midnight).**
3. All exhibitors are required to purchase a week-long exhibitor pass.
4. Home Arts General Rules apply.
5. Non-livestock/Home Art exhibits will be released on the **SUNDAY of fair week between 5 pm and 7 pm OR MONDAY AFTER FAIR (AUGUST 10) from 10am-1pm, exhibits may not be removed before then.** Ribbons and exhibits will be available for pick up at these time slots only. Any exhibits that remain unclaimed after 4 pm on the Friday following the Fair will be donated or discarded.
6. The piece must be original work of the author and may not have been previously published. It may however, have been submitted as a student assignment.
7. Entries must be typed, double spaced, on one side of white 8 ½" X 11" paper with a title at the top and pagination on each sheet. No author name on the work itself.
8. Each entry must be accompanied with a cover sheet containing the author's name, address, phone numbers, title, number of pages in the entry, email address, and a signed statement that the work is original and has never been published.
9. Copies of work may be submitted in person to the office, by mail, or by email ([info@mchenrycountyfair.com](mailto:info@mchenrycountyfair.com))
10. By entering the contest, the contestant agrees that his/her entry may be published the following year in a fair booklet and or on the McHenry County Fair website.
11. First through third place will be awarded ribbons and premiums as listed below. Judging will be based on content, clarity, and skill communicating the central thought of the work. Please proofread the work as spelling and grammatical errors are part of the judging. Where entries have been judged equal, those that express a thoughtful understanding of life in McHenry County will be given additional consideration.

### Age Groups: Not 14 by the date of entry; 14-18 (by date of entry); Over 18

**Premiums** First-\$5; Second-\$4; Third-\$3

Best of Show-Rosette (one awarded for each Age Group)

Plaque or Trophy (one awarded for the best entry of the entire contest)

| Division                                | Class                       |
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| A Poetry (Under 14)                     | 1 Poetry                    |
| B Poetry (Age 14-18)                    | 1 Poetry                    |
| C Poetry (Over 18 )                     | 1 Poetry                    |
| D Fictional Short Story (Under 14)      | 1 Fictional short story     |
| E Fictional Short Story (Age 14-18)     | 1 Fictional short story     |
| F Fictional Short Story (Over 18)       | 1 Fictional short story     |
| G Non-Fictional Short Story (Under 14)  | 1 Non-fictional short story |
| H Non-Fictional Short Story (Age 14-18) | 1 Non-Fictional Short Story |
| I Non-Fictional Short Story (Over 18)   | 1 Non-Fictional Short Story |