



WRITING CONTEST

Department 29—Open Show

Amount Offered: \$144.00

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

Entries Due Electronically for Judging: Sunday, July 18th, 2021 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 18, 2021 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 18, 2021 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 19 from 10 am-1 pm, 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)
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
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
J My Pandemic Life-2020 (Under 14)	1 My Pandemic Life-2020
K My Pandemic Life-2020 (Age 14-18)	1 My Pandemic Life-2020
L My Pandemic Life-2020 (Over 18)	1 My Pandemic Life-2020

Writing Open Entry Form

- Register online at www.mchenrycountyfair.com or in the office at 11900 Country Club Road, Woodstock, IL 60098 on Monday – Friday from 8 am – 4 pm. Weekend Registration open Saturday, July 17th 8 am-12 pm and Sunday, July 18th 10 am-3 pm ONLY.
- Entries must be filed with the fair office by 3:00 pm on July 18, 2021 or by midnight online. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REGISTER ONLINE!**
- Entries will NOT be taken by phone, fax, or email. NO REFUNDS!
- One entry per line. Note changes in Division and Class numbers!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

	Dept. Number	Division Letter	Class Number	Description of Entry
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I have read and understand, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the 2021 McHenry County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of the competition. This includes the McHenry County Rules and Regulations and the Home Arts Department Rules as stated in the Rule section in the McHenry County Fair Book and on the Website: mchenrycountyfair.com

#	Fee	Total
	\$0.75 per Open entry	
	\$15 Exhibitor Pass (one required per Exhibitor)	
	Total	\$

Exhibitor (Owner/Exhibitor) Date

Guardian/Parent of Exhibitor (if under 18 years of age) Date