



General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts

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Writing Contest for Clubwomen and Youth 2024

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The GFWC Writing Contests seek to provide an avenue for GFWC members and community youth to freely express themselves and draw upon their experiences through writing. These submissions illustrate the talent of GFWC members and are a reflection of our communities.

GFWC offers short story and poetry contests for members and youth in the communities GFWC serves.

All clubs who submit entries may only submit three entries per category. (All categories are listed below and divided according to type/age/grade.) Please submit all entries in printed format. No handwritten entries, please! Entries must be submitted (postmarked by January 31, 2024) to the President of the local Club for review of entry requirements, prior to forwarding to the State Chairman, postmarked by February 15, 2024.

GFWC Member Short Story Writing Contest

- Authors must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.

GFWC Member Poetry Writing Contest

- Authors must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines, maximum of 50 lines.

Youth Short Story Writing Contest

- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- One entry per person per category.

Youth Poetry Writing Contest

- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines, maximum of 50 lines.
- One entry per person per category.

Requirements For all Writing Contests:

- Entries must be written during the contest year January 1 - December 31.
- Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to competition and must be original works
- See the GFWC Manual Writing Contest: Awards, Contests, Grants for contest rules and details: <http://www.gfwc.org/>. Those not following the guidelines will be disqualified.
- Club President to submit all entries with a coversheet listing: Club name, state, contact name, contact phone and list of entries enclosed.
- Entries must have the following in the top right-hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name of the GFWC club and State Federation (MA) submitting author's work
 - Youth Grade Level Category:
 - Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2
 - Category 2: Grades 3, 4, and 5
 - Category 3: Grades 6, 7, and 8
 - Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
 - Title of work
- All Entries must be mailed to: GFWC MA, P.O. Box 679, Sudbury MA 01776.



- Please note that manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.
- Failure to comply with all requirements will lead to disqualification.
- By submission of poetry or short story, authors waive their right to GFWC's royalty-free perpetual license to use at will the printed material.

Recognition:

- State Winners will be recognized at GFWC MA Annual Convention in **May**.
- The **First Place** winner will be forwarded to GFWC for National judging.
- **All** student winners will receive a prize and notification by the Chairman.

(Print clearly or type)

CREATIVE WRITING ENTRY FORM - GFWC CLUBWOMAN

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Applicant Signature _____ date _____

Category: Short Story _____ Poetry _____ Title _____

Sponsoring Club _____ President _____

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CREATIVE WRITING ENTRY FORM - STUDENT

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Applicant Signature _____ date _____

Category: Short Story _____ Poetry _____ Grade Level _____ Title _____

Parent's name and signature if under 18 years of age:

Sponsoring Club _____ President _____

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