

**Jennifer Nowak, President**

**“You should write because you love the shape of stories and sentences and the creation of different words on a page. Writing comes from reading, and reading is the finest teacher of how to write.” - Annie Proulx**



**Calling all authors!!!**

Do you like to write? Well, send in your creations of Short Stories or Poetry. Have a contest amongst your own club members.

Then send all Short Stories and Poetry entries to your State Chairman.

**GFWC Members Contests**

Authors must be dues-paying members of an active per capita club.

**Entries must be:**

- Typed, double-spaced, and one-inch minimum margins on the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Printed on white 8.5 x 11-inch paper, one side only.
- If emailed, use Microsoft Word files only.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must include the following information on the top right-hand corner of each page:
  - \* Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
  - \* Name of author's GFWC club and State Federation
  - \* Category
  - \* Title of work
  - \* Page number
- Authors must be amateurs. Earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A completed, signed **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** must be included with each submission.
- **Short stories** are limited to 2,000 words. Word count must be included at the end of the story.
- **Poetry entries** can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- Entries are limited to one per member per category.

**DEADLINE: Postmarked MARCH 1, 2026**

Send to:

Donna Canavan, Writing Contest Chairman  
135 Lorraine Metcalf Drive, Wrentham, MA 02093



All winning entries will be announced at the GFWC Massachusetts Convention on April 26, 2025 in Needham.

Winning entries will be sent to GFWC National for further judging.

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## Youth Writing Contests

School is just around the corner. Here is an idea that will help your clubs get the kids interested in writing. Set up writing and poetry contests amongst schools in your communities. Each school can have contests amongst their own classes. You might give small prizes as incentives. Be sure to include all the requirements along with the **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver**.

Requirements:

- Typed, double-spaced, one-inch minimum margins on the top, bottom, and both sides.
- Printed on white 8.5 x 11-inch paper, one side only.
- If emailed, use Microsoft Word files only.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must include the following information on 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 submitting the author's work
  - \* Category
  - \* Title of work
  - \* Page number
  - \* 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
- Authors must be amateurs. Earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be the author's original work.
- A completed, signed **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** must be included with each submission.
- Entries are limited to one per person per category.
- **Short stories** are limited to 2,000 words. Word count must be indicated at the end of the story.
- **Poetry entries** can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- The "Six Traits of Writing" will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contest writing entries in categories 2,3, and 4.



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135 Lorraine Metcalf Drive, Wrentham, MA 02093

All winning entries will be announced at the GFWC Massachusetts Convention on May 2, 2026 in Needham.

Winning entries will be sent to GFWC National for further judging.