

2017 Teen Writing Contest Fine Print Rules

1. Eligibility: Any teen who is between the ages of 12 and 18 and is a Solano County resident.
2. Contest Period: Submit entries October 9 - December 29 by 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time.
3. Prizes: 3 winning entries from each category will be published. Each winner will also receive a \$25 gift card.
4. How to Enter:
 - a. Short story, poetry and essay entries will be accepted by email only. Email them to libraryannouncements@solanocounty.com. Please include in your email: name, age, city, writing category, and the name of the Solano County Library branch you use most frequently.
 - b. Entries for the comics category may be emailed to libraryannouncements@solanocounty.com or dropped off at any Solano County Library. Please include with your comic your name, age, email or phone number, city and the name of the Solano County Library you use most frequently.
5. Contest rules.

You may submit to one category only. All entries must follow the specified rules for each category.

Short stories

- a. Can be up to 5 pages in length.
- b. No illustrations or drawings allowed in this category.
- c. Must be typed and submitted by email to libraryannouncements@solanocounty.com.

Poetry

- a. Can be up to 2 pages in length.
- b. Can be in any form (sonnet, ode, haiku etc.)
- c. No drawings or illustrations allowed in this category.
- d. Work must be typed and submitted by email to libraryannouncements@solanocounty.com.

Essay

- a. Can be up to 5 pages in length.
- b. No drawings or illustrations allowed in this category.
- c. Work must be typed and submitted by email to libraryannouncements@solanocounty.com.

Comic

- a. Can be between 4-7 pages in length.
- b. Must be on letter size (8 ½ x 11) with page numbers.
- c. Must be in black and white and only inked in black.
- d. Work may be submitted by email to libraryannouncements@solanocounty.com or in person at any Solano County Library branch.

Works must be creative, original and unpublished. Judges from the community shall choose the winners from all entrants who have submitted an entry during the submission period. Winners shall be chosen based upon creativity, originality, style, grammar and spelling. The decision of the judges is final. Prize winners will be notified after January 30, 2018.

6. Library Use of Entries.

By entering your work, you acknowledge that Solano County Library shall have the right to use, modify, reproduce, publish, display, distribute, or make derivative works of Entry Materials for promotional or any other purposes.

7. Original Work.

You hereby warrant and represent that (a) you own all rights to all Entry Materials submitted by you; and (b) all such Entry Materials are original works of authorship on your part and have not been copied, in whole or in part, from any other work and do not violate, misappropriate or infringe any copyright, trademark or other proprietary right of any other person or entity.