

## NJSFWC Writing Contests

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### Member Creative Writing Contest Categories

Poetry	Minimum 8 lines, maximum 50 lines. Any style	Short Story	2000 word limit
Haiku	17 syllables (5-7-5), 1 entry per person	Book Review	2000 word limit
Play/Skit	One act, 10-15 minutes	Memoir	2000 word limit

### Member Creative Writing Contest Rules

1. The NJSFWC Writing Contest Chairman must receive two copies of each entry no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**DO NOT MAIL 'REGISTERED' OR 'CERTIFIED'**
2. Entries must be written during the contest year.
3. Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
4. Entries must be **typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, on 8 ½ inches x 11 inches paper.**
5. **Entries must have the following in the top right-hand corner of each page:**
  - a. author's name
  - b. e-mail address (if available)
  - c. mailing address
  - d. telephone number
  - e. name of local club/state
  - f. category
  - g. title of manuscript
  - h. professional or amateur (earnings not to exceed \$500 annually) writer
6. Enclose a \$1.00 entry fee to cover all entries sent per person/per entry
7. All entries are judged on content, organization, and form. Decision of the judges is FINAL.
8. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
9. First Place State Winners in Short Story and Poetry contests will be sent for judging in the GFWC Member Short Story and Poetry contests by the State Chairman. A release form must accompany the entry and the release form must be signed by the author.
10. Winners will be notified.

**Note:** By submitting the state winning entries in the Youth and Member Short Story and Poetry contests to GFWC, authors are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

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**Act 6 - NJSFWC Creative Writing Contests, Youth Short Story and Poetry Contest Categories:**

Category 1	Grades K, 1 & 2
Category 2	Grades 3, 4 & 5
Category 3	Grades 6, 7 & 8
Category 4	Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

**Youth Short Story and Poetry Rules:**

1. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
2. Poems may be any style with a minimum length of 8 lines and a maximum of 30 lines.
3. Entries **must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, and on 8 ½ inches x 11 inches paper.**
4. Students may enter one SHORT STORY and/or POEM for the local Club contests.
5. Clubs may submit ONE WINNER in each category for the statewide competition (ONE winner may be entered in the POETRY contest and ONE winner in the SHORT STORY contest.)
6. Authors must be amateurs with earnings from writing not exceeding \$500 annually.
7. Entries must be written during the contest year and may not have been published prior to the competition.
8. Manuscripts must be an original work by the author.
9. **Entries must have the following information in the top right-hand corner of each page:**
  - a. author's name
  - b. e-mail address (if available)
  - c. mailing address
  - d. telephone number
  - e. name of sponsoring club
  - f. category
  - g. title of the manuscript
10. The NJSFWC Literature Division Chairman (see NJSFWC Yearbook for name and address) must receive 2 copies of each entry no later than February 1st. DO NOT MAIL "REGISTERED" OR "CERTIFIED."
11. All entries are judged on content, organization, and form. Decision of the judges is FINAL.
12. First Place State Winners in each Category will be sent for judging in the GFWC Youth Short Story and Poetry contests by the State Chairman. A release form must accompany the winning entry and the release form must be signed by the author's parent or guardian.
13. Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.
14. Winners will be notified by the submitting Club.