**Broward County Waterway Cleanup   
Short Story Contest Guidelines**

The Marine Industries Association of South Florida is conducting a short story contest for middle school students in conjunction with the Broward County Waterway Cleanup. **Each short story entry should reflect the importance of Broward County waterways to our community**, including but not limited to their historic, economic, or environmental role.

The winner of the short story contest will be awarded a $250 scholarship and will be announced at the Waterway Cleanup Trash Bash!

**COMPETITION RULES**

1. Entries should be 600-800 words.
2. Entries may be fiction or nonfiction stories.
3. Entries must be original and not previously published.
4. Any entries created with the use of Artificial Intelligence, or containing AI-generated text, will not be accepted.
5. Only one entry per applicant will be accepted.
6. Entries must include information regarding Broward County waterways/marine life researched by the applicant.
7. All entries must be typewritten, double-spaced on one side of 8 1/2 x 11" paper. Text only; entries with illustrations will not be accepted.
8. Applicant must complete and attach the enclosed application form to his or her entry. **The name and address of the writer should not appear in the manuscript.**
9. Do not submit your only copy. All possible care is taken with manuscripts, but the MIASF is not responsible for loss or damage. Entries will not be returned.
10. Email entries or inquiries to [info@miasf.org](mailto:info@miasf.org). Entries may also be mailed to: MIASF – Waterway Cleanup, 221 SW 3rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312.
11. Entries must be postmarked no later than **February 20th, 2026**.

**Waterway Cleanup Short Story Contest Application**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

**Name** Last \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Int. \_\_\_\_

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**SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

**Teacher Name**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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