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IAM-USA NATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION 2020



Dear Student & Parent,

WELCOME to the Inaugural IAM-USA Dual-Education Symposium - National Writing Competition. To celebrate the Inaugural year of the Competition we are delighted to announce that we are positioning our State 1st Prizes in either the poetry or the short story categories to \$500.00, with \$250.00 2nd Prizes and \$125.00 3rd Prizes. This means that every State will have a total of 3 winners who will be joining us in Miami, Florida as our guest, with a parent...all expenses paid. The IAM-USA National Writing Competition is open, to Middle School and High School Students, for submissions from 1st September to the 31st October, 2019. The Theme for the Inaugural IAM-USA National Writing Competition is two-fold as follows:

1. What is your Concept of Dual-Education?
2. “How would A Dual-Education System by way of an American Apprenticeship aligned with Academics affect my life Today...in 5 Years...and in 25 Years’ Time?”
3. If this Dual-Education System was available today, would you as a Student participate in this System?

We receive entries from across the Continental United States and the Five (5) U.S. Territories. As our host County, Miami-Dade, Florida boasts a rich cultural and racial mix, we are excited to contribute to this cultural vibrancy through our annual competition. In addition to our State main prizes, The IAM-USA National Writing Competition enables us to award Fifteen (15) Host County prizes for stories and poems submitted by Miami-Dade County Public School (MDCPS) students, consisting of Five (5) \$250.00 (1st Prizes), Five (5) \$125.00 (2nd Prizes) and Five (5) \$75.00 (3rd Prizes), to each of the winning stories or poems submitted by MDCPS students, in the categories of Middle School and High School.

All proceeds from the Competition are donated to The IAM Foundation, as it aims to sustain the IAM-USA Dual-Education Digital Platform. This will be accomplished by way of encouraging academic and financial literacy positioned with career skills to enable a more succinct school to workforce transition for all students. Additionally, the binding agent will be that of mentors and coaches, who will stabilize the domain of dual-education. We, the IAM, feel honored and privileged to receive and read your short stories and/or poetry. As our Competition goes from theory to practice, we look forward to receiving your submissions. Write well!

Sincerely yours,

Myrtle P. Alexander

Dr. Myrtle P. Alexander, Ph.D.

Founder & CEO

Serving the purpose of God... in my own generation!

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2020 Short Story or Poem - Competition Rules

- 1) The start date for the Short Story Competition will be 1st September 2019.
- 2) All entries must be received by midnight on 31st October 2019.
- 3) The competition is open to anyone aged between 11 and 17.
- 4) All entrants must be registered and a signed Parental Consent Form must be received with the entry.
- 5) Entries can be from anywhere in the Continental U.S.A. and the five (5) US Territories.
- 6) All entries may be submitted online via email to : author@iam-usa.com
- 7) One entry form, submitted online, is allowed with either one story or poem.
- 8) There is a limit of one entry which an individual may submit.
- 9) Online entries will generate an automatic confirmation of receipt at the time of submission.
- 10) The standard entry fee is \$5 per story or poem.
- 11) All payments must be made through our Online Payment Portal with the Reference: Inaugural IAM-USA National Writing Competition. Details will be provided after with the online submission.
- 12) Stories must be no more than 1000 words. Poems must be no more than 500 words.
- 13) Stories or Poems must be written in English and are to include a specific occupation, job or career, as well as the ideal company which would be a great place to begin fulfilling this dream
- 14) Stories or Poems must be typed, double-spaced, on single-sided sheets and in a readable, 12 point font.
- 15) Stories or Poems must not have been published, self-published, published on a website, broadcast, been placed first, second or third, or been awarded a prize in any other competition.
- 16) The title of the story or poem must appear at the top of each page.
- 17) Nothing must appear on any page which would identify the author.
- 18) Stories or Poems will not be returned, so please retain a copy.
- 19) Stories or Poems cannot be altered once entered.
- 20) All entries will be considered anonymously by a panel of readers and the judges.



- 21) The members of the organizing committee and the panel of readers are not eligible to enter the competition.
- 22) Any plagiarized work will be disqualified along with any other work submitted by the entrant.
- 23) The National winners of each State (1 winner per category per state) will receive for 1st Prize \$500.00, for 2nd Prize \$250.00 and for 3rd Prize \$125.00
- 24) There will be an additional eleven (15) IAM-USA Prizes, in the categories of (5) 1st Prize of \$250.00, (5) 2nd Prizes of \$125.00 each and (5) 3rd Prizes of \$75.00 each, awarded to the 11 best stories or poems written by residents of Miami-Dade County , Florida.
- 25) A resident of Miami-Dade County, Florida is defined as anyone who lives within the Miami Dade County boundary - click [here](#) to see map.
- 26) The shortlisted stories and the IAM-USA Prize winning stories will be published in an anthology as a downloadable e-book after the results have been announced.
- 27) If a story or poem is shortlisted or has won the IAM-USA Prize then, once this has been made public, its publication will take precedence over the requirement of any other competitions the story may have been entered in.
- 28) The shortlist will be posted on the IAM-USA International Writing Competition website in January 2020.
- 29) Results will be announced at the Gala and Awards Presentation Evening to be held at the Inaugural IAM-USA Dual-Education Symposium, March 25th, 2020.
- 30) The competition organizers reserve the right not to award prizes if, in the judge's opinion, such an action is justified.

Special Note:

All monetary prizes are being made available by proceeds from our
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