

Honorable Mention

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Young Artists
& Writers

Dear Amazing, Young Writers,

Missouri Youth Write is sponsored by the Missouri Council of Teachers of English (MoCTE), the Greater Kansas City Writing project (www.gkcwp.org), and the Missouri Writing Projects Network coordinates the Missouri Regions's Scholastic Writing Awards contest, sponsored by The Alliance for Young Artists and Writers (www.artandwriting.org).

I am honored to share this list of Honorable Mention works with all of you. Due to technical challenges with the new online submission portal, we are unable to publish the complete written works. However, this complete list of plays, poems, essays, memoirs, short stories, and other genres documents the beautifully written and amazing talent of each of you. I congratulate all of you for your hard work. I would also like to acknowledge the amazing educators who have worked with these young writers and supported them throughout their school year(s). Lastly, I want to thank all of the supportive family members who have helped to foster the voices of these teens.

Keep on telling your stories!

With warm regards,

Mary Beth Rich

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List of Winners

Name	Title	Grade	Genre	School	
Madison	Abrams	Survival Arena	12	Novel Writing	Parkway Central High School
Aubree	Alborn	I am tired	9	Poetry	Ash Grove HS
Priya	Antony	Sam Altman: The Adolescent before AI	10	Journalism	John Burroughs School
Sahara	Asher	To Winter	12	Portfolio	John Burroughs School
Sahara	Asher	Sinking	12	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Sahara	Asher	Music & Me	12	Personal Essay	John Burroughs School
Adalynn	Austin	Pressure	8	Poetry	Delta Woods Middle School
William	Baethke	Charley in Stripes	10	Short Story	Blue Valley North High School
Lucy	Banks	Is Reincarnation Real?	11	Critical Essay	Nerinx Hall High School
Lennon	Barnes	Sporting Kansas City Seals Thrilling Victory over New Rivals	12	Journalism	Marceline High School
Alissa	Barnholtz	Paradise Regained	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Olivia	Briner	Why Keep Going?	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Lainey	Brockert	Bullet Points	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School

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Davis	Brown	March Sadness	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Sarah	Brown	If Honey be the Sweetness of Life	11	Short Story	John Burroughs School
Lydia	Broxterman	The Present Is a Present	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Haley	Carrier	An Entry From the Sun	11	Poetry	David H Hickman High School
Emily	Chien	the smell of love	11	Personal Essay	Marquette High School
Jayden	Choe	A Snow Day	11	Flash Fiction	Parkway South High School
Suzan	Clinton	Gravity	11	Poetry	Lindbergh High School
Elizabeth	Connor	What would Claude Do?	12	Personal Essay	St. Teresa's Academy
Leo	Coogan	An Iridescent Descent	12	Poetry	Mizzou Academy
Leo	Coogan	Red Sorrow	12	Poetry	Mizzou Academy
Imani	Costello	Mimes; Lies; and Family Ties	11	Humor	Lincoln College Prep Academy
Sid	Council	Judgement Day	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Bridget	Couture	Posthumous	11	Short Story	Lincoln College Prep Academy
Sylvia	Dalton	Left Behind	7	Short Story	Rockwood South Middle School
Anokhi	Desai	The Things That Aren't Said	11	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Sarah	Ding	Champions League Final	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah	Ding	Sign of the Times	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah	Ding	Encapsulated by Sport	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School

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Sarah	Ding	My Best Friend	11 Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah	Ding	Reflections of Me	11 Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah	Ding	Parts of Me	11 Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah	Ding	Test; Test; Test	11 Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah	Ding	Trust Your Gut	11 Short Story	John Burroughs School
Shreyas	Dixit	Rehearsal Redo	8 Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Aubrey	Dunmyer	Dreams	7 Flash Fiction	City of Fountains School
Caitlyn	Dunn	The Reality of Rejection	10 Personal Essay	Parkway West High School
Devika	Eluru	Sunstreaks	9 Short Story	Parkway West High School
Maizie	Ferguson	Hypothetical Certainties	12 Portfolio	Home school
Henley	Ferguson	Glimmer of Hope	7 Short Story	Home school
Henley	Ferguson	The Betrayal	7 Short Story	Home school
Anabella	Fiallo	No Pity	8 Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Amane	Fingerhut	Sarah and Abby	7 Novel Writing	Rockwood South Middle School
Tierney	Flavin	In a Voice That Came From You and Me	12 Personal Essay	St. Teresa's Academy
Kaitlyn	Foster	And All Things Pink	12 Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Kaitlyn	Foster	Old Woman	12 Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School

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Pierceleah	Fox	My Perfect World	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Calixte	Fox	The Sword	11	Poetry	David H Hickman High School
Calixte	Fox	rest your weary limbs	11	Poetry	David H Hickman High School
Elizabeth	Franklin	Go Down; Way Down	12	Short Story	Parkway West High School
Owen	Front	Near Death	11	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Owen	Front	Closure?	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Ella	Fullerton	If You Let the Light in	12	Poetry	Blue Valley High
Raaga	Golla	Just Keep Swimming	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Billie	Graham	Mixed Winter	11	Poetry	Wentzville Holt High School
Annique	Gras	Cycled	8	Poetry	Westridge Middle School
Anna	Harstick	Arguing and Analysis	12	Portfolio	Lafayette High School
Helen	Hedlund	A Coach; Her Pupil; and a Pool	9	Personal Essay	Home school
Tanner	Hickert	A flight to Phoenix	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Taylor	Hoelting	Words Can Hurt	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Kyndal	Holderby	Where is the Danger?	9	Short Story	Smithville High School
Madeline	Hoyes	Ivy; The Milky Way; The Memories; and Sage	11	Novel Writing	Smithville High School

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Cameran	Hydar	12	Poetry	Washington High School
Hana	Ilahi	11	Personal Essay	John Burroughs School
Hana	Inazu	9	Novel Writing	Westminster Christian Academy
Lauren	Inazu	11	Personal Essay	John Burroughs School
Lauren	Inazu	11	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Lauren	Inazu	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Rajeshwar	Jaladi	12	Journalism	Parkway West High School
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Rhea	Jha	9	Poetry	Rock Bridge Senior High School
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Kaitlyn	King	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Avery	Komarek	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Abi	Kornblum	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Abi	Kornblum	12	Personal Essay	Parkway Central High School

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Sonia	Kulkarni	A different teenager	8	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Bethany	Lai	Wenxu Yin Makes Waves	11	Journalism	Clayton High School
Leah	Lewis	On the Road Again	12	Personal Essay	St. Teresa's Academy
Arielle	Li	Realization	10	Flash Fiction	Olathe North
Maya	Li	Autumn Rain Lament	9	Poetry	Blue Valley West High School
William	Lian	The Evil Among Us	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Max	Liebert	Destined Destiny	8	Flash Fiction	City of Fountains School
Jenna	Lin	Path to Nowhere	10	Poetry	Rock Bridge Senior High School
Cindy	Liu	A Chinese Barbecue	10	Personal Essay	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Emily	Liu	Apples and Oranges	11	Short Story	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Joseph	Longley	Romeo and Juliet Break-Up Scene	10	Dramatic Script	Rolla Senior High School
Joseph	Longley	New Year's Story	10	Poetry	Rolla Senior High School
Olivia	Lu	Lost in Translation (A White String)	10	Personal Essay	John Burroughs School
Olivia	Lu	Fragments of Identity	10	Critical Essay	John Burroughs School
Macy	Lubak	House of Hypnos	11	Novel Writing	Mary Inst. & St Louis Day School
Molly	Magarian	Still Life	11	Short Story	John Burroughs School

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Madeline	Male	Still	9	Poetry	Home school
				Dramatic	
Madeline	Male	Noticing	9	Script	Home school
Madeline	Male	The Pier	9	Poetry	Home school
Madeline	Male	Secrets	9	Poetry	Home school
				Critical	
Baden	Masenthin	Racial Wealth Gap	9	Essay	Lawrence High School
				Flash	
Roman	Matney	Untitled	8	Fiction	City of Fountains School
				SciFi/Fantasy	
Tate	McFadden	Evade	8	Essay	City of Fountains School
				Personal	
Brooke	McKenney	Underneath The Covers	12	Essay	Lindbergh High School
				Barbie; Beyonce and Beyond	
Ellie	McManamy		12	Journalism	St. Teresa's Academy
Khaleed	Mims	Soldiers	11	Poetry	Ruskin High School
				Novel	
Nathan	Montemayor	The Bottlenorns of Castle North	12	Writing	Olathe North High School
				Short	
Nathan	Montemayor	The Perfect Picnic	12	Story	Olathe North High School
				SciFi/Fantasy	
Bella	Morgan	Religion	12	Critical Essay	Lexington High School
Nicole	Murphy	Come back to this	12	Portfolio	John Burroughs School
				Flash	
Nicole	Murphy	Silencing the Closet	12	Fiction	John Burroughs School
				Flash	
Alexa	Newsom	To my grandfather	12	Poetry	Blue Valley North High School
				SciFi/Fantasy	
Alexa	Newsom	The Scavengers	12	Essay	Blue Valley North High School
				Flash	
Maryam	Osman	To My Lavendula	11	Fiction	Al-Salam Day School

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Sarah Parker	Untitled	12	Short Story	Rolla Senior High School
Benjamin Patterson	Order by Colby; Kansas	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Detracted; yet Reborn (Ariel)	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Drowning	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Fear	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Harvest	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Desolation; or the Enforcement of Nature	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Chamber Absent Sight	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Owen Perry	Studies In Artistic Versatility; Done As The World Demands It	12	Portfolio	Lansing High School
Julie Phillips	Dominion Over the Earth	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Lara Pimentel	Blue Girl	11	Dramatic Script	Lindbergh High School
Giselle Pineda	Unobtrusive Identity	9	Novel Writing	Blue Springs South High School
Caroline Place	Trauma as a Mechanism of Growth	11	Critical Essay	Blue Valley North High School
Jesse Rachel	Clarity	10	Personal Essay	Hazelwood West High School
Shiloh Rhodes	No Control	11	Short Story	John Burroughs School

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Bela	Riggle	7	Critical Essay	Antioch Middle School
Emily	Ring	12	Personal Essay	Lee's Summit West
Ira	Rodrigues	10	SciFi/Fantasy	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Ira	Rodrigues	10	Flash Fiction	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Ira	Rodrigues	10	Flash Fiction	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Sadie	Rosenberg	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Noah	Schmidt	8	Poetry	Oakland Middle School
Mira	Schoewe	8	SciFi/Fantasy	St Catherine Laboure School
Sophie	Schwartz	7	Poetry	City of Fountains School
Sophie	Schwartz	7	Flash Fiction	City of Fountains School
Cailey	Shanks	12	Personal Essay	University City High School
Payton	Shannon	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Jiya	Shetty	11	Poetry	Rock Bridge Senior High School
Jason	Shi	10	Critical Essay	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Zoe	Snitzer	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School

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Anna	Soeder	11	Personal Essay	Lindbergh High School
Alexis	Sondermann	7	Flash Fiction	Rockwood South Middle School
Cooper	Stokes	12	C.F. Stokes' Literary Works Portfolio	Platte County High School
Vivian	Swan	8	Poetry	Good Shepherd School
Genevieve	Szylleyko	11	Poetry	St Teresa's Academy
Madison	Torres	12	The Story of a Heart Portfolio	Rock Bridge Senior High School
Lillian	Van Hoornbeek	10	The Colors of the Rainbow Poetry	Home school
Lillian	Van Hoornbeek	10	Poetry	Home school
Lillian	Van Hoornbeek	10	Poetry	Home school
Cassie	Vickers	12	Summer Was Killed Softly Poetry	Olathe North High School
Anne	Vodarick	12	Novel Writing	Lansing High School
Chase	Waldman	12	The True Cruel Evil Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Isabella	Wang	9	Eris; Stop Watching Us Poetry	John Burroughs School
Vivian	Wang	11	Object Permanence Poetry	John Burroughs School
Vivian	Wang	11	Almost Western Girl tries to be holy Poetry	John Burroughs School
Xiangcheng	Wang	10	Editing the Vengeance Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School

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Stella	Watters	7	Poetry	City of Fountains School
Stella	Watters	7	Flash Fiction	City of Fountains School
Adler	Wheatley	8	Poetry	City of Fountains School
Livia	Willey	12	Personal Essay	John Burroughs School
Livia	Willey	12	Humor	John Burroughs School
Livia	Willey	12	Personal Essay	John Burroughs School
Livia	Wiley	12	Dramatic Script	John Burroughs School
Caleb	Williams	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Gabrielle	Williams	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Raina	Wilson	10	The Superior Option of Obtaining Magnanimity	Parkway Central High School
Eleanor	Woodruff	12	Short Story	John Burroughs School
Annaliese	Wright	12	SciFi/Fantasy	Battle High School
Annaliese	Wright	12	SciFi/Fantasy	Battle High School
Courtney	Wu	11	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Elle	Wujcik	10	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School

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Willa Yearson	THEY ASKED FOR THIS	11	SciFi/Fantasy	John Burroughs School
Ainsley Yoakam	Helping Baby Eagles Learn to Fly	12	Journalism	Lansing High School
Xiaoyi Zhang	Never Be Ashamed of Working Hard	10	Personal Essay	Thomas Jefferson School
Anthony Zhao	The Blue Mask	10	Personal Essay	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Sarina Zheng	How Students Can Use ChatGPT In Positive Ways	7	Journalism	Greenwood Lab School
Celina Zhou	Mutiny in Blue	10	Poetry	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Celina Zhou	AVES	10	Poetry	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Celina Zhou	TOPEKA DRIFT	10	Poetry	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Celina Zhou	Wu Gang Eats the Moon	10	Poetry	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Meifan Zhu	A simple crush	11	Poetry	Thomas Jefferson School
Meifan Zhu	Being Blind	11	Short Story	Thomas Jefferson School
Meifan Zhu	Red Fish	11	Poetry	Thomas Jefferson School
Meifan Zhu	Handbook for elementary-level -programming	11	Flash Fiction	Thomas Jefferson School
Meifan Zhu	Where wood never moss	11	Poetry	Thomas Jefferson School