

# Silver Key Winners

2024



**Scholastic  
Art & Writing  
Awards**

Alliance for  
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](http://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](http://www.artandwriting.org)).

I am honored to share this list of Silver Key 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

Editor

Youth Program Coordinator, Greater Kansas City Writing Project



# List of Winners

Name		Title of Piece	Grade	Genre	School
Sheena	Ahmad	Advice to My Younger Self	12	Poetry	Timberland High School
Aubree	Alborn	I am tired	9	Poetry	Ash Grove High School
Lylah	Ali	Our Thoughts; Our Time & Our Lives	12	Portfolio	John Burroughs School
Kiera	Anderson-Pittman	The Intoxicating Melody of Revenge	10	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Priya	Antony	789	10	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Mika	Beckham	Monachopsis	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Mia	Behrends	Chancellor	10	Personal Essay	Parkway Central High School
Kate	Benoist	Starved For Redemption	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Avery	Bueltmann	Never?	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Julia	Burr	A White Bottle; A Torturous Night and A Lasting Memory	9	Short Story	John Burroughs School
Shyla	Calivere	Everybody Want To Rule The World	11	Poetry	William Chrisman High School
Alexandra	Carson	Inner/Outer States: Chapter/Next Chapter Existence	12	Portfolio	Joplin High School
Alexandra	Carson	If My Pink Walls Could Sing	12	Personal Essay	Joplin High School

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Alexandra Carson	Entry: July 6th	12	Personal Essay	Joplin High School
Alexandra Carson	Of Road Trips; Remembrances and Reasons	12	Personal Essay	Joplin High School
Suzan Clinton	Gravity	11	Poetry	Lindbergh High School
Imani Costello	Landline	11	Short Story	Lincoln College Prep Academy
Katherine Day	How I Found God; How I Lost Him;	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Salem Deel	who am i	12	Personal Essay	Pembroke Hill School
Sarah Ding	Eggs; Grapes	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah Ding	October 24; 2014	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Sarah Ding	Reflections	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Gryffin Etchason	The Wall	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Mark Fang	The German Boy	10	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Louisa Farinella	Endure	11	Poetry	Lindbergh High School
Sam Fleischmann	My Final Goodbye	9	Short Story	Smithville High School
Kaitlyn Foster	Three Spins	12	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Kaitlyn Foster	Teacups and Tulle	12	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Olivia Franken	Soul of My Soul	12	Portfolio	Camdenton High School
Isabella Glasow	small talk	11	Poetry	Blue Valley North High School

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Charles Glatz	The Tea Kettle	11	Short Story	John Burroughs School
Audrey Gray	In My Head	11	Short Story	John Burroughs School
Chloe Gutjahr	The Sun; the Moon; and All the Stars Above	12	Portfolio	Mehlville High School
Chloe Gutjahr	Bella	12	Short Story	Mehlville High School
Helen Hedlund	Educating Young Children Wisely	9	Critical Essay	Home school
Seamus Hennessey	The Street	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Eula Heriford	The thaw	9	Poetry	Lawrence Free State High School
Lily Herkenhoff	Blended genre	10	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Paul Herman	Swiss Slopes	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Scarlett Heybrock	Fiona	12	Personal Essay	St. Teresa's Academy
Meona Hou	Historical Gold	9	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Jacqueline Hu	Move-In Day	11	Flash Fiction	John Burroughs School
Neva Hudson	Fully Booked	12	Journalism	Shawnee Mission East
Maci Irvin	I guess it's good enough...	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Ben Jackson	Lukei in The Logos Affair	9	Dramatic Script	Lawrence Free State High School

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Sky Jacobson	The Currency of Time	8	SciFi/Fantasy	John Burroughs School
Rajeshwar Jaladi	Students win honors at the 2023 Missouri All-State Band	12	Journalism	Parkway West High School
Parker Johnson	Me and the Mountain	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Sophie Katcher	Supernova	11	Short Story	Moberly High School
Coralaine Kelsey	The Skies of Violet and Blue	10	Novel Writing	Olathe East High School
Joshua Lam	SAVE THE REEFS: Either We Make History; or We Become It	9	Critical Essay	John Burroughs School
Arielle Li	The Sun and I	10	Short Story	Olathe North High School
Roger Li	The Towel Temptation	10	Flash Fiction	Blue Valley West High School
Rachel Li	Religious Revelations	12	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Valery Liang	An Overture to Dying Seabirds	10	Short Story	Rolla Senior High School
Serena Liu	The Economics of Othello	12	Critical Essay	Parkway West High School
Emily Liu	Bittersweet	11	Short Story	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Wangshu Liu	Distinguishing Fact from Fiction	9	Flash Fiction	Marquette High School

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Ethan Ly	Everything to Nothing	8	Short Story	John Burroughs School
Molly Magarian	Cacophony	11	Short Story	John Burroughs School
Molly Magarian	If You Could See Me Now	11	Novel Writing	John Burroughs School
Madeline Male	Is Lunch Ready Yet?	9	Flash Fiction	Home school
Anna Massman	A Carless Commute	12	Personal Essay	St. Teresa's Academy
Jason Mathew	An Unexpected Twist to a Family Trip	9	Personal Essay	Parkway Central High School
Kellan Moore	In the Hall of the Mountain King	8	Flash Fiction	City of Fountains School
Kellan Moore	The Death of a Man	8	Poetry	City of Fountains School
Madee Omran	I Am Still Happening	11	SciFi/Fantasy	John Burroughs School
Nicole Paquette	When it Catches up to You	10	Personal Essay	Parkway West High School
Benjamin Patterson	Honest	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	The Memory Ritual	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Pharmakos	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy
Benjamin Patterson	Silence	10	Poetry	Bishop Seabury Academy

Diego	Perez Palomino	Empowering Student Voices:	11	Journalism	Parkway Central High School
Rishi	Pidikiti	Phone Fiasco	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Lara	Pimentel	National Council of Brilliance	11	Humor	Lindbergh High School
Caroline	Place	Winning the War	11	Personal Essay	Blue Valley North High School
Caroline	Place	My Theme for English B	11	Poetry	Blue Valley North High School
Isabel	Sapp	something i jotted down in my notes app	11	Poetry	Smithville High School
Isabel	Sapp	Crucify Me; I Dare You	11	Poetry	Smithville High School
Isabel	Sapp	penultimate	11	Poetry	Smithville High School
Gillian	Sellet	Galoshes	11	Poetry	Lawrence Free State High School
Gillian	Sellet	Meditation on a Scent That Doesn't Exist	11	Poetry	Lawrence Free State High School
Jiya	Shetty	embrACE RACE	11	Critical Essay	Rock Bridge Senior High School
Jiya	Shetty	It's Just a Joke	11	Critical Essay	Rock Bridge Senior High School
Azariah	Shirley	Hurricanes	8	Personal Essay	Basehor-Linwood Middle School
Sahana	Solai	The MAMA Festival	8	Personal Essay	Parkway West Middle School
Cooper	Stokes	Machines of Nature	12	Short Story	Platte County High School



Cooper	Stokes	This Prison of Mine	12	Novel Writing	Platte County High School
Cooper	Stone	Don't make friends on the block	12	Short Story	Lawrence Free State High School
Olivia	Suh	The Album	9	Short Story	Blue Valley North HS
Cecilia	Tremont	Forget but Don't Forgive	10	Critical Essay	Parkway Central High School
Anna	Valenti	Tangled Soul	12	Personal Essay	St. Teresa's Academy
Siddhanth	Vijaykumar	Zero	9	SciFi/Fantasy	Parkway Central High School
Isabella	Wang	You Made Us Into Machines	9	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Isabella	Wang	Recovery	9	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Isabella	Wang	They Die Like Supernovas	9	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Isabella	Wang	Witty	9	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Lily	Wang	Applause for Grandma	8	Flash Fiction	Crestview Middle School
Emma	Williams	your body is art	10	Poetry	Home school
Chloe	Wolfe	Dangerous Optionality	12	Personal Essay	Clayton High School
Theo	Wolfgram	Lost In A Labyrinth	11	Poetry	John Burroughs School
Rebecca	Xue	Nurse Ratched: Classic Villain or Secret Hero?	12	Critical Essay	Blue Valley West High School

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Rebecca Xue	To Tell A Story	12	Personal Essay	Blue Valley West High School
Rebecca Xue	Fighting For Our Right To Eat	12	Humor	Blue Valley West High School
Ziva Ye	The Palm Leaf	8	Short Story	Prairie Star Middle School
Sarina Zheng	An Exciting Day In Mr. Goodman's Life	7	Humor	Greenwood Lab School
Celina Zhou	Setting the Stage	10	Journalism	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Kim Zhou	Everything Happens For a Reason	8	Personal Essay	Rockwood Valley Middle School
Celina Zhou	Queen of Bastards	10	Poetry	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Celina Zhou	GÇ”	10	Poetry	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Celina Zhou	Excerpts from "Annotated Games of Fischer-Spassky"	10	Poetry	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Celina Zhou	The Palace in the Fog	10	Novel Writing	Ladue Horton Watkins HS
Meifan Zhu	Bucket	11	Poetry	Thomas Jefferson School
Meifan Zhu	A study on the crowd	11	Dramatic Script	Thomas Jefferson School