

GFWC YOUTH WRITING CONTESTS – POETRY AND SHORT STORY

Rules

- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number
 - Name of the GFWC Club, District State Federation submitting author's work
 - Category (Short Story or Poetry) and Title of Manuscript
 - Grade Level Category
 - Category 1: Grades K-2
 - Category 2: Grades 3-5
 - Category 3: Grades 6-8
 - Category 4: Grades 9-12
- Author must be an amateur; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver **must** be included with each submission.
- One entry per person per category.
- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- The *Six Traits of Writing* will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contest.

Please NOTE

- Manuscripts will **not** be returned. Authors should keep a copy.
- By submitting an entry to GFWC, author is providing GFWC with royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license the work in any media known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

Deadlines

- District – Club winning entries are to be sent to the District Arts Chairman by February 1.
- State – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners selected at each District are to be submitted to the State Arts Chairman by March 1. She will select 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners statewide for each contest in each grade level category. **Submit entries to: Darla Gardner, 104 Ponder Dr., Tuscola, IL 61953 drlgardner@gmail.com**
- National – The State Arts Chairman will send one winning entry in each contest category, with appropriate cover letter, to the GFWC Writing Contests Chairman, postmarked by April 1.

Recognition

- District – Recognition at the District level is at the discretion of each District.
- State – Certificates will be presented at GFWC Illinois Convention for the top three entries in each contest for each grade level category.
- National – GFWC certificates will be presented at GFWC Annual Convention to the top three national entries for Youth Poetry and Short Story Contests. The first place poem and excerpts of the top short story will be printed in the GFWC Annual Awards Booklet and in the September + October issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

GFWC MEMBER WRITING CONTESTS – POETRY AND SHORT STORY

Rules

- Author must be dues-paying member of an active GFWC club.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must have the following in the top right hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number
 - Name of the author's GFWC Club, District and State Federation
 - Category (Short Story or Poetry) and Title of Manuscript
- Author must be an amateur; earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver **must** be included with each submission.
- One entry per member per category.
- Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.
- Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- Entry in English. (Optional)

Please NOTE

- Manuscripts will **not** be returned. Authors should keep a copy.
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Deadlines

- State – Member entries are to be submitted to the State Arts Chairman by February 1. She will select a 1st Place winner statewide for each contest. Submit entries to:

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- National – The State Arts Chairman will send the winning entry in each contest, with appropriate cover letter, to the GFWC Writing Contests Chairman, postmarked by April 1.

Recognition

- State – Certificates will be presented at GFWC Illinois Convention for the top entry in each contest.
- National – GFWC certificates will be presented at GFWC Annual Convention to the top three national entries for GFWC Member Poetry and Short Story Contests. The first place poem and excerpts of the top short story will be printed in the GFWC Annual Awards Booklet and in the September + October issue of *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*.

GFWC ILLINOIS YOUTH ART TALENT CONTEST

Rules

- Work will be in the following media: Pencil, Pen and Ink, Collage, Mixed Media or Pastels
- Artist must be an amateur; earnings from artwork may not exceed \$500 annually
- Work must be an original piece by the artist
- Maximum Size: 20" x 24" with mat. NO GLASS
- Entries must have the following information on a card on the top right hand corner on back of the work:
 - Student's name, e-mail address, mailing address and phone number
 - Grade Level Category
 - Category 1: Grades 4-6
 - Category 2: Grades 7-9
 - Category 3: Grades 10-12
 - Media used
 - Sponsoring Club's Name and District Number
- A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver **must** be submitted with each entry.

Please NOTE

- All entries must be picked up on the last day of GFWC Illinois Convention from the Arts and Crafts Room.

Deadlines

- District – Clubs should submit their winning entry to their District Arts Chairman postmarked by **February 1**.
- State – District 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners should be sent to the State Arts Chairman by March 1. Submit entries to: **Darla Gardner, 104 Ponder Dr., Tuscola, IL 61953**
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Recognition

- District – Recognition at the District level will be at the discretion of the District.
- State - Certificates and ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade category. All entries will be on display in the Arts and Crafts Room at GFWC Illinois Convention.

GFWC ILLINOIS PAINTING CONTEST

Rules

- Artist must be a GFWC Illinois member in good standing with her local Club.
- The contest is open to amateur artists only. Any person who earns more than 1/3 of their yearly net income from their artistic endeavors will be considered professional and not eligible.
- Entries must be no larger than 14" x 18" (including matting) and no smaller than 10" x 12".
- Entries on materials other than canvas must be matted.
- NO GLASS OR FRAMES
- Pastels should be sprayed with a fixative.
- All paintings must be original. Subject matter is choice of artist.
- Entries must have the following on a card in the top right hand corn on back of the painting:
 - Name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone number
 - Media
 - Sponsoring Club and District Number
- A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver **must** be submitted with each entry.

Please NOTE

- **All entries to be judged must be brought to GFWC Illinois Convention on the first day and delivered to the Arts and Crafts Room.**
- All entries must be picked up on the last day of Convention.

Recognition

- District – Recognition at the District level will be at the discretion of the District.
- State - Certificates and ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All entries will be on display in the Arts and Crafts Room at GFWC Illinois Convention.

GFWC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

GFWC offers three opportunities to participate in the Photography Contest.

A. THE WORLD IN PICTURES captures the beauty of the world and people around us in three categories:

Living Things – adults, animals, children, domestic birds, fish, flowers, insects, reptiles, wildlife

Scenes – city, landscapes, rural, skies, sunrise, sunset, waterscapes, weather

Still Life – abstract (any assemblage of objects either in an arranged or natural setting), buildings, monuments

B. GFWC VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION provides members with the opportunity to demonstrate their volunteer activities through photography.

C. A YEAR IN PICTURES-also known as the GFWC Calendar Contest-features photographs depicting the twelve months of the year, providing members the opportunity to showcase their talents while supporting GFWC through the fundraising calendar.

Rules-The following rules apply to all three photography contests:

- All photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Photos must be taken during the contest year (January 1st to December 31st).
- Contestant must be an amateur; photography earnings may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Photographs must be the original work of the member submitting the photo.
- Each photo must have a label affixed to its back with the following info:
 - Contest name
 - Photographer's name, e-mail address, mailing address, phone number
 - Name and State of sponsoring club
 - Title and brief caption giving location, date and other notes about the photo
 - Arrow indicating top of photo
- Each submission must be an 8x10 inch print. Electronic submissions will not be considered, high resolution digital copies of the submission is encouraged.
- Photos will be mounted on a rigid 8x10 inch mount board and total thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch.

- Do not submit photos with mattes or frames, nor hangers on the back.
- Each submission **must** include a signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver.
- Photos may be taken using film or digital cameras
- Photos submitted to GFWC will not be returned
- Judges look for creativity and quality of photograph

Disclaimer-By submitting your photographs to GFWC for the GFWC Photography Contests on the national level, you 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.

The World in Pictures Photography Contest Rules

- There are two classes per category

Black and White

Color

- Photos may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Clubs submit photos directly to their State Federation by March 1.
- Images may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered each time.
- All photographers must be dues paying members of an active GFWC club.
- Contestants must be an amateur photographer- earnings from photography may not exceed \$500 annually.

Deadline-Send entries to: State Arts Chairman by **March 1**.

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Recognition-There are 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners nationally for each category in both black and white and color. In the GFWC Member Division, awards are as follows: 1st Place - \$100; 2nd Place - \$75 and 3rd Place - \$50. Photos not sent to GFWC will be displayed at GFWC Illinois State Convention and may be picked up there. State-Certificates and ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded at GFWC Illinois State Convention.

B. GFWC Volunteers in Action

Additional Contest Rules for GFWC Volunteers in Action

- Photos may be vertical/portrait or horizontal/landscape.
- Clubs submit photos directly to their State Federation by March 1.
- Entries can be black and white or color photos.
- Judges look at overall creativity of subject and quality of photograph.
- Images may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered each time.

Deadline-Send entries to: State Arts Chairman: **Darla Gardner, 104 Ponder Dr., Tuscola, IL 61953**

drlgardner@gmail.com by **March 1.**

Recognition-The top three national entries will be awarded as follows: 1st Place - \$100; 2nd Place - \$75 and 3rd Place - \$50. Photos not sent to GFWC will be displayed at the GFWC Illinois State Convention and may be picked up there. State-Certificates and ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded at GFWC Illinois State Convention.

C. “A Year in Pictures”

Additional Contest Rules for “A Year in Pictures”

- Photos must be horizontal/landscape.
- Entries must be in color.
- Each GFWC club may submit **one** photo.
- Photos must measure 8x10 inches.
- All entries meeting the contest guideline will be considered. Judges will look for photos particularly suitable for calendars, such as photos relevant to particular months or seasons.
- Images may be submitted to multiple contests, but separate photos must be entered each time.

Deadline-Send entries to: ***GFWC A Year in Pictures Contest, 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC 20036-2990*** **postmarked by May 15.**

Recognition-The 12 winning photographs will appear in the *GFWC A Year in Pictures* calendar and the September + October issues of the *GFWC Clubwoman Magazine*. A GFWC certificate will be presented to each winner at the GFWC Annual Convention.

GFWC ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT AND JUDGING – STATE CONVENTION

This exhibit is open to all club members in good standing who are amateurs, defined here as artisans who receive no more than \$500 annually from their craft.

Categories

Ceramics	Crochet	Drawing
China Painting	Embroidery	Stamped Cards (5)
Holiday Decorations	Counted Cross Stitch	Scrapbooking
Sculpture	Needlepoint	Paper Art
Dolls	Knitting	Wearable Art
Wreaths	Quilts	Scrap Art
Wall Hangings	Stuffed Animals	Jewelry
Decorative Painting		

Items not included in these categories will be judged as miscellaneous.

Rules

- Entries must be submitted by a registered Convention attendee.
- Each entry should include two 3” x 5” cards with the following:
 - On One Side: Name, mailing address, phone number, Club name and District, Category, Title of Entry
 - On Reverse Side: Category – Indicate if item is a kit or original design plus brief description
 - Please have these cards ready when submitting entry to Arts and Crafts Room
- **Items will ONLY be accepted for judging the first day of GFWC Illinois Convention.**

Please Note

- Items do not have to win at the District level to be entered here.
- Entries should be picked up on the last day of GFWC Illinois Convention. Any items left will be sent home with the entrant's District President.

Recognition

Certificates and ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. All entries will be on display in the Arts and Crafts Room at GFWC Illinois Convention.

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