



## Writing Competition Guidelines

Entries for both events (fiction/non-fiction) must be emailed to [communicationartsleague@gmail.com](mailto:communicationartsleague@gmail.com) by April 1. Please follow guidelines below. Entry fee is \$15 per event. We will have three separate age groups. Elementary school will consist of grades 3-5, middle school will be grades 6-8, and high school is grades 9-12.

- Entrants must register with their school or academy on Tabroom in pattern C.
- [https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn\\_id=9889](https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?tourn_id=9889)
- Each entry must include a cover page containing
  - ✓ Competitor's name
  - ✓ Name of school or academy
  - ✓ Student's age group (Elementary, Middle, or High School)
  - ✓ **Pattern C**
- Academy/school must email all entries at the same time and follow the payment instructions on the invitation.
- Each entry must be a separate attachment to one email.
- Word limit not to exceed
  - Elementary: 750 words, Middle School: 850 words, High School: 1000 words

Winners will be announced on April 7 at CSU Fullerton at the tournament awards ceremony.

### Fiction

Competitors must submit an original fictional story about a character that follows the tournament's theme: **I have a voice.**

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Originality (create a unique character)
2. Structure: Beginning, Climax, End
3. Language/Grammar
4. Tournament theme – Does the story illustrate “I have a voice”?

### Non-Fiction

Competitors must submit an original, non-fictional argumentative essay agreeing or disagreeing with the statement in the writing prompt.

Writing prompt – Actions speak louder than words (Agree or Disagree)

Entries will be judged on:

1. Language/Grammar
2. Clear position – did the writer clearly answer the question?
3. Arguments (strength of the arguments and sources cited to back up reasoning)