West Michigan Student
SHOWCASE
MAISD

Nominee Criteria and Instructions – Literary Arts

All Nominees

1. Student nominees must complete an electronic information form by **Feb 1, 2024** (available **January 22, 2024**). *We are currently working on updating our website. A link to the form will be provided at a future date.*

2. Student nominees must submit a digital photo by **Feb 1, 2024**. The photo should be an individual head-and-shoulders-type shot rather than a full-bodied photo. Color photos preferred. No group photos accepted.
   a. **NEW THIS YEAR - FILE NAME OF IMAGE SHOULD SHOULD INCLUDE: NAME OF SCHOOL, THEN STUDENTS LAST NAME, AND THEN FIRST NAME, AS FOLLOWS:** HighschoolName_LastName_FirstName.jpeg (Example: NorthMuskegon_Smith_Jane.jeg)

4. All Nominees in all categories must attend:
   a. the day-of-show technical/blocking rehearsal at the Frauenthal Theater.
   b. the Showcase performance at the Frauenthal Theater (arriving by **5:00 pm**)
      i. Note: Individual school performance dates will be announced on **March 7**.
      ii. Nominees who do not check in by **5:00 pm** on their show night WILL NOT be allowed to participate.

Literary Arts Honorees

Number of Nominees per School
One

Criteria
This student should be selected by appropriate members of the English Department faculty and/or appropriate school personnel. The entry may be in one of the following categories: fiction, non-fiction, drama, or poetry. The nominee should be considered to be the most accomplished and talented student of Literary Arts.

Showcase encourages a wide variety of subjects and literary styles: serious articles, historical essays, science fiction, fantasy, and humor are a few of many possibilities. In the judging process, entries will be reviewed with special attention to the following factors: Technical Expertise, Interest, Creativity, Relativity/Suitability, and Clarity. Special attention should be paid by the coordinator as to "appropriateness" of the work, as it will be representing your school and published on the Showcase website.

Requirements

1. A Literary Arts Nominee is allowed one entry (except for poetry entries – up to three).
2. The entry must be in electronic format and not include any drawing or artwork.
3. Acceptable file types: .doc, .docx, .rtf, or .txt (Google Docs must be exported as one of these formats.)
   a. **NEW THIS YEAR - FILE NAME SHOULD INCLUDE: NAME OF SCHOOL, THEN STUDENTS LAST NAME, AND THEN TITLE, AS FOLLOWS:** HighschoolName_LastName_Title.jpeg (Example: NorthMuskegon_Smith_Title.jeg)

4. The entry should be a representative of one of the following genre and comply with the specified length:
    a. Fiction – Maximum Length: 7 pages, double spaced
    b. Non-Fiction – Maximum Length: 7 pages, double spaced
    c. Drama – Maximum Length: 10 pages, double spaced
    d. Poetry – 1-3 Poems – Maximum Length: 48 lines maximum per poem
    e. Works may be edited for length and/or appropriateness for publishing.
    f. All formatting will be removed prior to judging.
        i.   Preferred formatting: Arial, 11pt, double-spaced
        ii. An exception is made for certain poetry styles that use alignment and spacing as part of the work.
5. Entries must be uploaded by the student no later than **February 15.**

Awards

Three Literary Arts winners will be selected by the judges and awarded prizes as follows:

- First Place: $1,000
- Second Place: $500
- Third Place: $300
- Honorable Mention awards may also be given at the discretion of the judges.

NOTE: Cash prizes may be considered taxable income depending on the amount. Winners will be contacted regarding any additional paperwork needed to issue prize amounts.

Recognition - Publication

All nominees will be introduced (with photo and bio) on their school's assigned evening to the Showcase audience. Each Literary Arts Nominee's work will be published on the Showcase website.