

Young Georgia Authors competition

Requirements:

- Maximum of two submissions per student
- Maximum word count is 1900 words per submission
- Not previously published online
- Work is entirely the student's own, unassisted
- Each submission must be **printed** one-sided
- **No student name, school name, or teacher name on printed submission**
- Each submission must be accompanied by a completed entry form (except District Level Admin blank)
- Printed work and completed entry form due to your ELA teacher by **4:15pm Thursday, February 2nd**.

Submissions:

- Short stories
- Poetry
- Essays
- Literary criticism/analysis
- Journalism
- Academic research reports
- Personal narratives
- **Any other original student writing**

Evaluation guidelines:

Expression of Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Writing suggests/conveys meanings; reflects strong thinking● Thematic meaning(s) effectively controlled● Piece is unified and builds upon itself, even if the structure is untraditional● Sense of clarity of purpose, completeness, and closure
Language Use
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Writing style appropriate to content and genre● Writing reflects mastery of technical aspects of writing (e.g., control over punctuation and syntax)● Writer uses language powerfully, via apt/original word choice, unique phrasing● Strong flow produced via syntactical control and variation● Writer effectively employs detail, evocative language, and/or imagery to enliven writing and to express ideas
Unique Perspective and Voice
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Uniqueness of writer is evident through stylistic choices● Writing conveys unique, authentic, original perspective● Style conveys unique, authentic, original voice

*Evaluation guidelines adapted from NCTE competition guidelines.

Ask your ELA teacher for a copy of the entry form for each submission.

Your submission will NOT be returned – be sure you've made a copy!!!