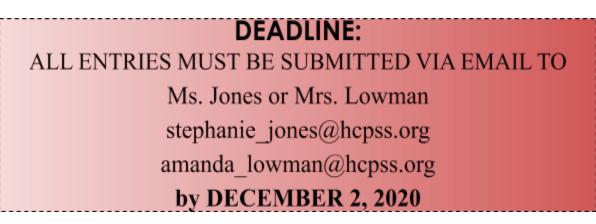


## Middle School Young Authors' Contest 2020 - 2021

Who: Students in Grades 6-8
What: Write a poem or short story!
Important Dates:
November 2- interest meeting @ 3:30 code: lems-yac-meeting
November 5- interest meeting @ 3:30 code: lems-yac-meeting
December 2: submissions due with cover sheet complete

- Each entry must be **original work** written within the last year by a single author. Each entry may not have been previously submitted to this contest.
- Peers or adults may provide editing assistance (spelling, punctuation, etc.), but revisions should be student-generated, and the final product must be the student's own work.
- All entries must use no less than 12-point font in Times New Roman. All entries must be emailed as a Microsoft Word Document.
- Short story entry must range between 600 1,600 words.
- Poem entry will consist of a single poem, any style, and must range between 25 300 words.
- Entries must **not** include graphics.
- All entries must include a <u>completed cover sheet</u> signed by the **parent** and submitted as a separate **PDF file**. Parental verification may also be confirmed via a digital signature.
- Entries avoid bias against any group of people and should include school-appropriate topics.



ONE winner PER category PER school will be forwarded to the local Howard County chapter for county-level judging.