



# 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 [completed cover sheet](#) 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.

## **DEADLINE:**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO**

**Ms. Jones or Mrs. Lowman**

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**by DECEMBER 2, 2020**

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