

AISA CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

A. GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

1. Students in Grades 3-12 are eligible to compete in the AISA Creative Writing Contest at the state level. Writing divisions are grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.
2. Each school may conduct its own contest to establish a winning entry from each division which will be sent to the AISA for the state competition.
3. School competition will be conducted according to the AISA state format and procedures.
4. A new topic or theme will be posted on the AISA website to give the student some direction and/or guidance. It is not an opening line and not required to be included in the student's work.
5. Entries must be handwritten, 250 words or fewer. Word count should be posted at the end of the entry.
6. Entries must be of good taste and not contain profanity or violent material.
7. **No** student or school names should appear anywhere on the entry. This information should be listed on the entry form provided. This form must be signed by the teacher or school sponsor. Entries will not be returned to the schools.
8. Entries which fail to comply with the rules will be disqualified.
9. Entries must be submitted to the AISA office according to the due date posted on the website. Winners will be notified by the AISA and posted on the website.
10. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 - a. Creativity - 50%
 - b. Spelling and Grammar - 25%
 - c. Content - 25%Judging forms are worksheets for the judge's use only.

B. Awards

1. Plaques will be presented for first place in each division.
2. Certificates will be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place in each division.

ALABAMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST
STATE ENTRY FORM**

(Entry must be in the AISA office by the deadline as posted on the AISA Calendar of Events.)

Each school will send the first place winner for each division grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

SCHOOL _____

Grades 3-5

Student's Name _____

Grades 6-8

Student's Name _____

Grades 9-12

Student's Name _____

Teacher/School Sponsor _____ **Date** _____