

STARWATCH XXXIX
Creative Writing Contest 2019
Sponsored by Tahlequah Friends of the Library and Tahlequah Public Library

Once again, the Tahlequah Friends of the Library is sponsoring a writing contest for students and adults in Cherokee County. Entries will be accepted for six levels of writers: 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th-8th Grades, 9th-12th Grades, Adults. Everyone is invited to submit one or two entries in any or all the following entry categories:

Poetry – no more than 30 lines. Poetry is a **word song** with a beat and it sometimes rhymes. Rules about sentences, paragraphs and punctuation are suspended.

Fiction – under 1500 words. **A fictional short story (including fictional essay)** is created from imagination and written in sentences and paragraphs. **Historical fiction** mixes known history with information that can't be known exactly.

Nonfiction – under 1500 words. Nonfiction is a **true account** written in sentences and paragraphs. Nonfiction includes essays, personal factual, memoir, information, history, biography, inspiration.

Preparation of Manuscript: All entries must be single-spaced and typed in Arial font size 12. Set margins at ¾ inch. Do NOT put your name on your work. DO put your title on each page and number the pages in the upper right-hand corner. Under the title on your first page indicate your category: poetry, fiction, nonfiction. Entries will be disqualified if these guidelines are not followed. Entries should be saved in Google document format or Microsoft Word format to be submitted electronically.

Submission of Manuscript: Entries should be submitted by email at TahlequahFOL@gmail.com The entry form at the bottom of this page must be signed by the entrant and/or parent. The signed form should be scanned as a .jpeg and submitted by inserting the .jpeg as the first page of the manuscript. If you need assistance with any of the requirements, you may contact Michelle Bell by email at m.bell0137@outlook.com . Help is also available at the Library with the IT support person.

All entries must be submitted as follows: 1. Manuscripts prepared as stated above. 2. Completed entry form for each manuscript (see below). 3. Entries may be submitted from Friday, February 22 and no later than noon Saturday, March 2, 2018 by email.

JUDGING: All entries will be judged by a committee chosen by members of the Tahlequah Friends of the Library. Winners will be notified by email or telephone before the awards ceremony.

AWARDS: First, second, third places and honorable mention may be awarded in each category for each level at a reception on **Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m., in Richardson Hall at Go-Ye Village**. Winning entries will be published in the 39th annual StarWatch Anthology.

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ENTRY FORM
(Please print.)

Each person must fill out an entry form for EACH manuscript submitted for judging.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Group: 4th _____ 5th _____ 6th _____ 7th-8th _____ 9th-12th _____ Adult _____

School _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

There is no entry fee, but donations are welcomed.