

CULTURAL ARTS and HERITAGE
Creative Writing Contest – Entries Due to STATE Chairperson by March 1
COVERSHEET • AUTHOR RELEASE FORM

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Members may submit ONE entry in EACH category
- **Category descriptions are on the next page**
- Entries should not contain words of profanity
- The KEHA Executive Board reserves the right to not print any entry due to content
- Entries should be **typed**, *however*, legible handwritten entries will be accepted if there is no way the entry can be typed; Entries submitted in **electronic format**, preferably in **Microsoft Word**, are **encouraged**
- Entries are not returned; please save a copy of your entry and this page for your records
- Winners will be announced at the State Meeting and winning entries will be posted on the Cultural Arts webpage by July 1
- **1st Place Winners in each category will receive a \$25 gift card at the State Meeting**

**THIS Creative Writing Contest Cover Sheet and Author Release Form
must accompany EACH entry. Entries are due with this sheet by March 1.**

Indicate category of your entry:

_____ **Poetry** (limited to 30 lines)

_____ **Memoir** (limited to 2 pages)

_____ **Short Story** (limited to 3000 words)

Please submit to:

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Eminence, KY 40019

cjrn1@bellsouth.net

Title of Entry: _____

Author's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: _____ AREA: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association has my permission to print my creative writing entry, to include my entry in a booklet of all or selected entries, or to read aloud or perform my entry at a public event, such as the KEHA annual meeting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Creative Writing Contest (continued) CREATIVE WRITING CATEGORY GUIDELINES

Please refer to the previous page for GENERAL GUIDELINES and required coversheet.

Entries are due to the State Chairperson by MARCH 1.

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Original POETRY:

- Entry is limited to 30 lines

Original MEMOIR:

- Entry is limited to 2 pages, double spaced
- Entry is limited to one memory, written in first person
- Entry should focus on a person, place, or animal which has a particular significance in the writer's life
- Entry should recreate for the reader incidents shared with the person, place, or animal
- Entry should reveal the writer's knowledge of and feelings about the person, place, or animal
- Entry should make the person, place, or animal come alive for the reader
- Entry should include insights gained when recalling the significance of the subject of the memoir

Original SHORT STORY:

- Entry is limited to 3,000 words
- Entry may be written in the first person or third person
- Entry should contain:
 - ✓ a plot, rising action and a climax
 - ✓ setting details woven into the text of the story, allowing the reader entry into the story
 - ✓ development of at least one character through the character's own words, thoughts, or actions and/or those of another character
 - ✓ a tightly woven plot limited to one main idea or purpose
 - ✓ a problematic conflict, developed as the story progresses
 - ✓ a resolution of that conflict
 - ✓ idea development through snapshots, "thoughtshots," dialogue, description, etc.