



The Metropolitan DC Chapter of The Links, Incorporated present

**The 37th Annual
Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest**

Prizes	Prose & Poetry
1st	\$700
2nd	\$500
3rd	\$300

Open to High School students in 9th through 12th grade

Submissions: Original and unpublished works on a subject of your choice in one or more of the following formats. See rules and guidelines.

- A. **Poetry** - Submission must include a collection of three poems
- B. **Essay** - Three pages maximum (**No research papers please!**)
- C. **Short Stories** - Five pages with a maximum word count of 750.

Include a short thematic statement for each work of poetry or prose.

WORKS WITH PROFANITY OR SEXUAL CONTENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

*****Entry Deadline: February 28, 2019*****

Email all entries to STY@metroclinks.org

For more information and to download all forms, please visit our website at www.metroclinks.org/young-writers or contact The Metro DC Links at STY@metroclinks.org.





Metropolitan DC Chapter - Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest

2019 Rules and Guidelines for High School Students

1. Eligibility: High School Students in grades 9th through 12th.
2. Submission Deadline: **February 28, 2019 @ 8:00 PM.**
3. **Contestants must submit original and unpublished works on a subject of their choice.**
4. Contestants must submit original works in one or more of the following formats:
 - A. **Poetry** - Submission must include a collection of three poems.
 - B. **Essay** - Three pages maximum (**No research papers please!**)
 - C. **Short Stories** - Five pages with a maximum word count of 750.

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5. **Instructions for completing entries:**
 - A. Submissions need to be in **Word document format or Google Docs.**
 - B. Font: **Times New Roman, 12 point** font size.
 - C. Paper Size: **Letter 8 ½ x 11**, Text Color - **Black.**
 - D. All essay/short story entries should be doubled-spaced. Poetry entries may be single spaced.
 - E. Contestants **name, school and grade** should be typed in three separate lines in the top right corner of each page.
 - F. All pages should be numbered. Cover pages not required.
6. All entries must be submitted via EMAIL ONLY to: STY@metroclinks.org
7. Completed **Permission to Publish** and **Teacher Verification** forms **MUST** accompany each entry to be eligible for the contest.
8. Keep a copy of your entry as entries will not be returned.

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DR. JEAN MOSEE YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH High School Students

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY

Deadline February 28, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

I do hereby give The Links, Incorporated the right to publish my submission of poetry or prose to the Young Writers Contest on the internet or in a copyright compilation published in book form. I hereby assign all publishing rights to The Links, Incorporated including all copyrights.

Title of Submitted Work(s): _____

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone(s): Cell: _____ Home: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Guardian's Consent

I am the parent and/or the legal guardian of the above-named minor and hereby consent to the use of the submitted work as noted above. I affirm that I have the legal right to give such consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone(s): Cell: _____ Home: _____



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TEACHER VERIFICATION FORM

High School Students

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY

Deadline: February 28, 2019 @ 8:00 PM

Entry type: Prose _____ Poetry _____ (check one)

Student's Name: _____

Title of Submission(s): _____

I, (Teacher's name) _____ verify that the submitted writing represents work that I know this student is capable of creating.

Teacher's Signature: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____ Home: _____



2019 Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest (YWC)

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who is eligible to participate as a writer in the competition?**

The Dr. Jean Mosee YWC is open to both male and female students currently enrolled in Middle School (6th-8th grade) and High School (9th - 12th grade). Those under the age of eighteen will need the written permission of a parent or guardian to participate. All must submit a valid permission to publish document. Please note that there are slightly different rules and guidelines for High School students and Middle School students. Two packets have been distributed, one for High School and one for Middle School.

- **Who will judge the competition?**

The Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Inc. Services to Youth Facet will select judges. Submissions will be judged taking into account, among other things, creativity, clarity, originality, logical and effective organization, integrated main idea, and grammatical and structural correctness.

- **Who owns works submitted to the competition?**

The student retains ownership of his/her work(s).

- **Will there be awards for the winners?**

Yes, cash and other prizes will be offered to first, second and third places winners in the Middle School category (6th-8th) and in the High School category (9th-12th).

- **What will happen to writer submissions once they are presented to the YWC?**

All submissions will be reviewed by Links chapter members to ensure that all literary pieces conform to the stated guidelines. Those submissions that do conform to YWC requirements will be submitted to the panel of judges who will rate the submissions.

The three winning submissions from High School (9th-12th grades), and the three winning submissions from Middle School (6th-8th grade) will each earn prizes, receive a certificate of participation, and will be featured on the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Inc. website.

The High School winning submissions may also have a chance of being entered in The Links Eastern Area Young Master Writers Program competition where prizes are also awarded to the top three winners.

- **What is the timeline for submissions?**

For consideration, all submissions must be received by **8:00pm on Thursday, February 28, 2019.**

- **Where should submissions be sent?**

All submissions should be emailed to: STY@metroclinks.org. See Rules and Guidelines or visit our website at www.metroclinks.org/young-writers for more information and to download all forms.