

## Writing Contest Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in participating in our First Southside Book Fair Writing Contest! We are passionate about the next generation of writers and would love to promote their stories. For our Inaugural Southside Book Fair, we are launching a writing contest that will have one **winner** and one **runner-up** for each of the **four groups** below:

**Lower Elementary** (K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
**Upper Elementary** (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Middle Grade** (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**High School** (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

### Entry Guidelines:

Original writing (short stories, family stories, essays, poems) will be accepted from students in the above groups and should be typed or neatly handwritten. Art (drawings, paintings, cartoons, etc.) that accompany the story may also be submitted but is not required. The entries should be appropriate for the age groups listed above. Prose (fiction, essays, family stories) should be **under 1,000 words**; poems **under 30 lines**. Spanish and bilingual writings are also welcome.

### Please include:

A completed form (attached to this application) telling us about yourself and your submission, your age, your parent's address and telephone number or e-mail. A parent or guardian must sign the form telling us that what you are entering is **YOUR OWN WORK** and that we have your and your parents' permission to publish it in Live From The Southside Magazine along with your photograph, if selected a winner. Both **submissions** and **completed form** must be e-mailed by

**May 10, 2021** to [SouthsideBookFairSA@gmail.com](mailto:SouthsideBookFairSA@gmail.com)

On the email's subject line, be sure to indicate your story's genre (i.e. "poetry" or "family story" or "fiction story").

The four winners and four finalists will be announced at the **Inaugural Southside Book Fair**, which will take place Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Brooster's Backyard Icehouse. The winners will also receive an Honor Certificate and have their photograph and story published in the Live From The Southside Magazine.

Each submission will be judged on creativity, rhythmic flow, and correct word usage. The prose and poems must be the student's original work. Our committee will check for plagiarism in order to respect copyright laws. Before publication, winners will receive a licensing agreement allowing **Live From the Southside Magazine** to publish your photo and work in which the author will remain the owner of the copyright. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at the email address above.

**For more information visit [www.SouthsideBookFair.com](http://www.SouthsideBookFair.com)**

**WRITING TIP:** make sure you can answer each of the points below as you complete your story:

**SETTING:** **Where** does the story take place, and **when** does it happen (is it now or in the past?)

**MAIN CHARACTER:** Who is the story about?

**PLOT:** What events take place throughout the story that carry the main character from start to finish?

**CONFLICT:** What are the obstacles or problems the main character tries to overcome?

**CLIMAX:** What is the peak of the story, the most exciting part where something is about to change?

**RESOLUTION:** How does the main character fix the problem?

**Thank you for entering our contest and  
GOOD LUCK!!!**



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# Application Form

## Student's Information

First and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age and grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us a little about yourself: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent's or Guardian's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

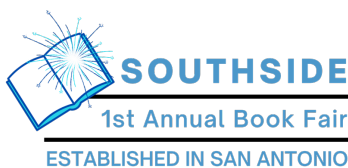
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I consent to my child's participation in the Southside Book Fair Writing Contest. If my child's writing is selected as a winning entry, I allow Live From The Southside Magazine to publish my child's work and photo. I confirm that the work being entered is original and is a product of my child's own work.

Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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