

ANSON COUNTY WRITERS' CLUB

P. O. Box 363 Wadesboro, N.C., 28170

ANSON COUNTY WRITERS' CLUB YOUTH POETRY/PROSE CONTEST RULES

- ☐ Contestants have three divisions: grades 3-6, 7-8 and 9-12. Students who reside in Anson County or attend Anson County Schools are eligible. There is no entry fee.
- ☐ Poems must be an original work that is previously unpublished in a paid publication, may be in any form, may be on any subject, and may be no longer than 32 lines.
- ☐ Short stories/essays will be limited to 2,000 words or less.
- ☐ First place winners in each category in 2022 are not eligible for that category in 2023.
- ☐ Writers may enter both categories, but only one entry in prose or one entry in poetry may be submitted by one person.

HOW TO ENTER

Please read the rules carefully.

Any deviation from the rules will result in the entry being excluded.

- ☐ Prose entries must be double-spaced and poems single-spaced on standard 8 ½- by 11-inch paper and must be legible. Fonts may be the choice of the author.
- ☐ If an entry is hand-written, copy must be hand-printed and must be legible for judges to read. Use of a pre-lined notebook paper is suggested.
- ☐ Entries that have drawings or colored ink on them will be disqualified.
- ☐ Good grammar and spelling will be taken into consideration by the contest judges.
- ☐ **Two copies** of each entry **must** be submitted.
- ☐ On one copy, list the category being entered in the upper right-hand corner (for example, Poetry 7-8 Category).
- ☐ On the second copy, list the category in the upper right-hand corner and include the name, address, telephone number, and email address (if applicable) of the entrant. (NOTE: *Only **one** copy should have the author's contact information.*)
- ☐ All entries must be mailed to the Anson County Writers' Club 2025 Contests, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170; turned in to the Hampton B. Allen Library in Wadesboro; or emailed to info@ansoncountywritersclub.org with contest in the subject line by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2025.
- ☐ An official entry form **must** accompany each entry. Entry forms will be provided for teachers or may be picked up at the Hampton B. Allen Library or downloaded at www.ansoncountywritersclub.org. Copies of the entry form will be accepted.
- ☐ NOTE: *Authors should retain copies of their submissions; submissions cannot be returned.*

OTHER INFORMATION

- ☐ Please check permission box on entry form to have entry considered for publication in a future Anson County anthology (not required to enter).
- ☐ Prize money includes: Grades 9-12 category, \$20 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place; Grades 3-6 and 7-8 categories, \$15 for first place, \$10 for second place and \$5 for third place.