



Literary Arts: Literature Scholarship Guidelines

PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS

Finalist must submit Portfolio using online Submission Form for review by arts professionals for scholarship consideration on or before January 8, 2025.

1. Literature Portfolio consists of Submission Form & Portfolio Reading Attendance and Prose/Poetry Artworks & Information.
2. Literature Artworks must consist of either (cannot combine): two (2) pieces of prose (fiction or creative non-fiction), two (2) Slam poems OR three (3) poems (any style):
 - prose and poems must be submitted as a .doc or .docx file
 - slam poems must be submitted as: mov, wmv and mp4 with 16:9 aspect ratio (1920x1080 frame size)
 - uploaded file name must be the same as the Title of the submitted poetry or prose work. Ex: (Title_LastName)
3. Finalist should make prose or poetry selections for their Portfolio only after careful review of the Literature Scholarship Guidelines and discussion about their artwork choices with their nominating teacher.
4. Finalist must affirm that all works in their Portfolio were created by them within the last four school years (2021-2025) and that their submitted files accurately represent their actual work.

PROSE SUBMISSION - TWO (2) PIECES

- May be fiction or creative nonfiction.
- Fiction submissions must be a well-developed commercial or literary short story.
- Creative nonfiction must be well-written, focused, and informative with details and a distinctive voice.
- Essays must state a premise, substantiate the premise with facts, and reiterate the premise.
- Formatting for prose submissions must:
 - not exceed 3,000 words for each prose piece
 - be in Times New Roman 12 pt. font
 - be double spaced with one (1) inch margins
 - include the Title and Finalist's first and last name in the upper right-hand corner of all pages
 - include page numbers in the bottom right-hand corner of each page

POETRY SUBMISSION - THREE (3) POEMS

- Poetry may be any style, but if a particular style, i.e. villanelle, the form must be accurate.
- Formatting for poetry submissions must:
 - not exceed 30 lines for each poem
 - be in Times New Roman 12 pt. font
 - be single spaced with one (1) inch margins
 - include the title and Finalist's first and last name in the upper right-hand corner of all pages

SLAM POETRY SUBMISSION - TWO (2) PIECES

- Must be original work.
- May not incorporate musical instruments or other props.
- Formatting for slam poetry submissions must:
 - not exceed 3 minutes in length
 - mov, wmv and mp4 with 16:9 aspect ratio (1920x1080 frame size)
 - be filmed in a private setting without a crowd present
 - be school appropriate

AUDIO SUBMISSION

Finalists may include an audio recording of their selected works when submitting their Portfolio. Audio recordings should be of the finalist reading their own work, and are to be no longer than 1 minute in length. Audio recording will be used to showcase literature submissions at the Gala Recognition & Awards Ceremony.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1) Finalist must meet all Participation Requirements (as stated in the Finalist Program Packet) and comply with Literature Performance Scholarship Guidelines.
- 2) Finalist is solely responsible for meeting all Shooting Stars Scholarship Program Due Dates, i.e. Portfolio, Orientation, etc. Note: Finalist will receive email reminders from ACJC approximately one week prior to each Due Date.
- 3) Late or incomplete submissions or failure to meet all Participation Requirements or Scholarship Guidelines will result in immediate disqualification from the Shooting Stars Scholarship Program.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Arts Council!
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