

2023 LAD Fair Writing Contest Winners List

Grades 7-8

1 Autobiography

Entries	10	Judge	E. Martin	
1st	Tess Nicolosi	Mansfield	S. Appleby	The Mess They Call
2nd	Allison Worthy	Dadeville	L. Ochner	People and Me Against the World
3rd	Savannah Clark	Mansfield	S. Appleby	My Road to Success
H.M.	Evelynn Raylance	Pleasant Hope	P. Peterman	The Talk

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2 Book Report

Entries	13	Judge	E. Martin	
1st	Gwendolyn Dotson	Gloria Deo	D. Nelson	The Elite Guardians...
2nd	Lucas Cantrell	Republic	S. Gielow	The Wendigo
3rd	Nicole Johnson	Summit	J. Alexander	Is It Better to be Feared or Loved?
H.M.	Aubrey Dicus	Greenfield	R. Burton	Old Yeller

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3 Comparison/Contrast

Entries	14	Judge	D. Norman	
1st	Lily McNaughton	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Hitler's Lebensborn Program
2nd	Selah Grell	New Covenant	A. Mozley	China and the Giver
3rd	Adia Thompson	Summit Prep	J. Alexander	Twice As Sweet
H.M.	Brooklyn Landrum	New Covenant	A. Mozley	China and the Giver

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4 Description of Mood

Entries	15	Judge	D. Norman	
1st	Connor Downey	Republic	S. Gielow	Fear
2nd	Aniston Harris	Gloria Deo Academy	D. Nelson	The Memory I Treasure Most
3rd	Ocvrus Godina	West Plains	M. Cormier	Perfect Day
H.M.	Emma Sikes	Willard	S. Stark	My Unspoken Infuriation

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5A Description of Person

Entries	21	Judge	M. May	
1st	Abby Freidt	West Plains	A. Closser	A Daughter's Viewpoint
2nd	Melak Gerezegehir	West Plains	A. Closser	Weini Yilma
3rd	Kaysen Bonham	West Plains	A. Closser	Ruby Lips
H.M.	Addysun Sturgeon	West Plains	A. Closser	Twin Flames
H.M.	Zaylie Yinnell	Republic	S. Moore	The Hero, Johnny Cade

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5B Description of Place

Entries	15	Judge	A. Shelton	
1st	Gracey Phelps	Republic Middle School	A. Boykin	The Beach
2nd	Abby Freidt	West Plains	A. Closser	Roaring Ralph
3rd	Oliver Rhoads	West Plains	A. Closser	Biltmore Estate and Its History
H.M.	Macie Everest	Republic Middle School	S. Gielow	Safe Space

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5C Description of Object or Thing

Entries	6	Judge	D. Rideard	
1st	Elinor Golden	Willard	S. Stark	5 Senses of Love
2nd	Jayden Jones	Willard	L. Hillenburg	Tornado Intercept Vehicle 2
3rd	Cara Dela Cruz	SEAS	K. Meinhardt	American Flag
H.M.				

Grades 7-8				
6 Letters				
Entries	34	Judge	A. Shelton	
1st	Dane Kirby	West Plains	A. Closser	Dear Mr. Stonemason
2nd	Sienna Blankenship	Republic	A Boykin	I Found My Place
2nd	Mei Pruett	Republic	S. Gielow	The Father Never Returning
3rd	Mackenzie Medlam	Republic	S. Moore	Dear Maverick
3rd	Aubrey Feasel	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Midsummer's Night Dream Letters
H.M.	Serenity Barker	West Plains	A. Closser	Dear Jun
H.M.	Briana Cox	Republic	K. Ganz	A Letter to Evelyn
Grades 7-8				
7 Essay with Original Photos				
Entries	5	Judge	J. Anglen	
1st	Reese Finley	Republic	S. Gielow	Don't Take it for Granted
2nd				
3rd				
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
8 Journal/Diary Fictional				
Entries	22	Judge	J. Anglen	
1st	Madeline Jump	Republic	S. Gielow	Someone to Miss
2nd	McKenna Aronis	Willard	S. Stark	Between Shades of Grey
3rd	Evelyn Sparkman	Republic	S. Gielow	1200 Hours
H.M.	Aaron Davison	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Chicago Journal
H.M.	Serenity Barker	West Plains	A. Closser	Dear Journal
Grades 7-8				
9 Journal/Diary Personal				
Entries	7	Judge	J. Angler	
1st	Melodi Wright	Republic	S. Gielow	Never Give Up
2nd	Abby Freidt	West Plains	A. Closser	Oct. 15, 2022
3rd	Macie Everest	Republic	S. Gielow	Everything Changes
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
10 Literary Analysis of Character				
Entries	12	Judge	S. Hillhouse	
1st	Emma Lewis	Phelps	K. Heugel	Equality 7-2521 and the Nature of Selfishness
2nd	Natalie Crosby	Phelps	K. Heugel	Character Analysis of Equality 7-2521
3rd	Brittan Jarman	Dadeville	L. Ochner	The Caring of 2
H.M.	Allison Worthy	Dadeville	L. Ochner	The Never Ending Friendship of Two
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
11 Literary Analysis of Conflict				
Entries	8	Judge	S. Hillhouse	
1st	Braden Crites	West Plains Middle School	A. Closser	Conflict Analysis of the Finest House
2nd	Melak Gerezegehir	West Plains Middle School	A. Closser	Conflict Analysis in All the Bright Places
3rd	Myah Hibler	West Plains Middle School	A. Closser	Literary Analysis of Conflict in Fighting Words
H.M.	Payton Crawford	Dadeville	Lori Ochner	Killer Kane Tries Again
Grades 7-8				
12 Literary Analysis of Setting				
Entries	5	Judge	S. Hillhouse	

1st	Parker Girdley	West Plains	A. Closser	Setting Analysis of Blackout
2nd	Myah Hibler	West Plains	A. Closser	Setting Analysis of a Good Girl's Guide to Murder
3rd	Adilee Smith	West Plains	A. Closser	Lit Analysis of the Setting in Shatter Me
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
13 Literary Analysis of Symbol				
Entries	5	Judge	G. Jamroch	
1st	Dane Kirby	West Plains	A. Closser	The Other Side of the Island
2nd	Isaac Miller	Gloria Deo Academy	D. Nelson	The Black Swan
3rd	Hollie McGill	Dadeville	L. Ochner	An Empty Book
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
14 Literary Analysis of Techniques				
Entries	4	Judge	G. Jamroch	
1st	Katelyn Holman	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Freak The Mighty Conquer the World
2nd	Charleigh Toler	Dadeville	L. Ochner	The Makings of a Good Book
3rd	Abby Freidt	West Plains	A. Closser	The Perks of Being a Wallflower
3rd				
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
15 Literary Analysis of Theme				
Entries	18	Judge	S. O'Neal	
1st	Sally Cornwall	Pleasant Hope	P Peterman	Hearts Like No Others
2nd	Kady Francis	Willard	S. Stark	Classified WWII File
3rd	Sophia Bell	SEAS	M. Hillwick	Bound to Repeat History
H.M.	Katherine Kauffman	SEAS	C Serta	The Giver Literary Analysis
Grades 7-8				
16 Media Review				
Entries	22	Judge	S. O'Neal	
1st	Samuel Kelly	Republic	S. Gielow	Sabatón
2nd	Avery Rapp	Summit Prep	J. Alexander	Male Gaze in Rear Window
3rd	Gatlin Garfield	Lamar	T. Shelton	Igor's Story
H.M.	Kiley Edwards	Republic	A. Boykin	The Princess and the Frog
H.M.	Elias Duncan	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Call of Duty
Grades 7-8				
17 Original Lit. Related Newspaper - Individual				
Entries	4	Judge	M. Siebert	
1st	Jocelyn Denny	West Plains	A Closser	The Immortal News
2nd	Bailey Laws	West Plains	A Closser	Daily Olympus Drama
3rd	Parker Crossley	West Plains	A Closser	The Daily Nesw
H.M.	Peyton Allen	West Plains	A Closser	Greek News
Grades 7-8				
18 Original Lit. Related Newspaper - Small Group				
Entries	1	Judge	M. Lockmiller	
1st	Sophie Lee et al	Summit	J. Alexander	The Burning Times
2nd				
3rd				
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				

19 Documented Essay				
Entries	39	Judge	K. Constable, K. Haraldson	
1st	Amara Nicely	Republic Middle School	S. Gielow	Serial Killer Statistics
1st	Lily Pattison	IC	A. Gassel	How our Knowledge of Human Genome has Changed Over Time
2nd	Anna Schippert	Summit	E. Sousa	York and Sacagawea: American Heroes
3rd	Nicole Johnson	Summit	E. Sousa	One Nation Under God?
H.M.	Cecilia Scrivener	SEAS	L. Speakes	Social Anxiety
H.M.	Rylergh Renner	Summit Prep	J. Alexander	Why Aren't You Doing Your Work?
H.M.	Katherine Kauffman	SEAS	K. Meinhardt	Human Rights in Iron
H.M.	Lyndzey Casey	West Plains	A. Closser	Analysis of "Snow in the Suburbs"
Grades 7-8				
20A Narration				
Entries	40	Judge	K. Coulter, K. Haraldson	
1st	Taylor Conner	Republic Middle School	S. Moore	The Elegants
1st	Dorothy Reisner	IC	A. Gassel	Unsolved
2nd	Harper Elliott	IC	A. Gassel	Lost
2nd	Bella Goodfriend	Phelps	K. Heugel	Potato Apocalypse
3rd	Zachary Morton	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Abys
H.M.	Harper Harris	Summit Prep	J. Alexander	Red and White Stripes
H.M.	Kaitlyn Troxell	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Will
H.M.	Aaron Davidson	Ash Grove	K. Moler	The Story of a Gum Wrapper
Grades 7-8				
20B Personal Experience Narrative				
Entries	27	Judge	D. Rickard	
1st	Madeline Jump	Republic	S. Gielow	Drop Third Strike
2nd	Hannah Brake	Republic	S. Gielow	Gone
2nd	Millisan Sapp	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Monnet Meet
3rd	Kendra Goeke	Republic	S. Gielow	Finding Jax His Forever Home
H.M.	Kaitlyn Logan	Springfield Lutheran	S. Bartok	The Game We Won
Grades 7-8				
21a Original Illustrated Book				
Entries	7	Judge	M. Prax	
1st	Allie Dodge Bethany Sowards	Republic	C. Daugherty	The Murder of Patryk Landry
2nd	Lillie Carter	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Besties
3rd	Sylus Defina	West Plains	A. Closser	The City of Athens
H.M.	Ruben Brawley	West Plains	A. Closser	Athens
Grades 7-8				
21b Original graphic story/comic book				
Entries	7	Judge	M. Siebert	
1st	Haley Pearson Evan Rockhill	Republic	C. Daugherty	Solider of Words
2nd	Jordyn Keechner	Republic	C. Daugherty	Chokes
3rd	Gabby Shranks Luke Woolende	Republic	C. Daugherty	The Lortina War
H.M.	Hannah Brake Misty Elliott	Republic	C. Daugherty	Civilized
Grades 7-8				
22 Original Book without Illustrations				
Entries	11	Judge	M. Siebert	
1st	Multiple Students	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Argonetha
2nd	Bethany Sowards	Republic	S. Gielow	A Crazy Friend: Where it Began
3rd	Rosabel Shaver	Lamar	T. Shelton	The Lies of Dahilia

H.M.	Madison Taylor	Republic	T.J. Bennett	The Man in the Window
Grades 7-8				
23 Creative Nonfiction				
Entries	12	Judge	M. Prax	
1st	Allison Worthy	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Reading
2nd	Athena Wilson	Pleasant Hope	P. Peterman	Home Run
3rd	Paizley Brewer	Pleasant Hope	P. Peterman	Goofy Ah Mom
H.M.	Cash Vohnmeyer	Republic	D. Norman	Creative Non-Fiction
Grades 7-8				
24 Personal Opinion				
Entries	22	Judge	M. Mey	
1st	Gavin Luo	Phelps	K. Heugel	Why Prison is not the Right Choice
2nd	Natalie Meyers	Pleasant Hope Middle	P. Peterman	Successful Schools of America
3rd	Claire McGee	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Misplaced Class
H.M.	Sarah Greone	Phelps	K. Heugel	School Uniform
Grades 7-8				
25 Persuasion				
Entries	43	Judge	M. Reaves	
1st	Joshua Obafemi-Ajayi	NCA	A. Mozley	
2nd	Blake Cozad	Marion C. Early	T. Dunn	Minimum Wage
2nd	Tatum Sieber	New Covenant Academy	A. Mozley	Why TikTok Should Be Banned
3rd	Tess Nicolosi	Mansfield	S. Appleby	Love is for All Not Just Some
3rd	Avalea Farrell	NCA	A. Mozley	Why Schools Should Switch to Year-Round Calendar
H.M.	Isabelle Sutterfield	Republic	A. Boykun	Why Does Gender Equality for All Need More Recognition
H.M.	Francie Claire Sutherland	Logan-Rogersville	A. McDonald	Horse Slaughter: Bad in so Many Ways
H.M.	Emma Cunningham	Marion C. Early	T. Dunn	Racism
Grades 7-8				
26 Short Story				
Entries	64	Judge	K. Howard	
1st	Madi McCoy	New Covenant Academy	A. Mozley	The Lost Case
2nd	Lael Kennedy	Phelps	K. Heugel	False Reflections
3rd	Arlyn Pothina	New Covenant Academy	A. Mozley	Land of Kalpana
H.M.	Addison Barbato	Republic	J. Bennett	The Loss of Not Saying Anything at All
H.M.	Molly Plamer	Summit Prep	J. Alexander	A Silent Thanks
H.M.	Kaydence Britton	Logan-Rogersville	C. Ramlou	The Witch and the Prince
H.M.	Aniston Harris	Gloria Deo Academy	D. Nelson	Foundation: Part of the HOPE Series
H.M.	Grant Hudson	Phelps	K. Heugel	The Path of Pain, Loss, and Pleasure
H.M.	Kaisha Calloway	Pleasant Hope Middle	P. Peterman	The Last Breath
H.M.	Ella Gillham	New Covenant Academy	A. Mozley	Wishing It Was Me and Not Her
H.M.	Arlyn Pothina	New Covenant Academy	A. Mozley	Drifting Petals
H.M.	Emily Straus	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	S. Vesely	Deja Vu
Grades 7-8				
27 Satire				
Entries	15	Judge	K. Demster	
1st	Jack Herr	Central	K. Chrimer	Pineapple on Pizza and the Fall of Democracy
2nd	Aiden McGill	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Electric Shock
3rd	Elizabeth Napier	Republic	S. Gielow	The Red Hats
H.M.	Brooklyn Webers	West Plains	A. Closser	Fangirls and Story Writers
Grades 7-8				
28 Prose Parody				

Entries	5	Judge	K. Demster	
1st	Harper Harris	Summit	J. Alexander	Hunger Struck
2nd	McKenna Aronis	Willard	S. Stark	The Roller Coaster
3rd	Agata Golubchenko	Summit	J. Alexander	Four Walls One Cell
H.M.	Aaron Davison	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Harrison Bergeron
Grades 7-8				
29 Original Poetry Anthology -- Individual				
Entries	17	Judge	J. Angelen	
1st	Arianna Cooney	Republic	D. Norman	Deep Roots- Collection of Poems
2nd	Courtney Davis	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Poems for a Rainy Day
3rd	Arlyn Pothina	New Covenant	A. Mozley	My Passion for Poetry
H.M.	Emma Fulton	Logan Rogersville	A. McDonald	The Ramblings of an 8th Grader
Grades 7-8				
30 Original Poetry Anthology -- Small Group				
Entries	11	Judge	J. Anglen	
1st	Greenfield Jr. High 8	Greenfield Jr. High	R. Burton	Teen Lives
2nd	Greenfield Jr. High 7	Greenfield Jr. High	R. Burton	School Days
3rd	Mrs. Ochner	Dadeville	L. Ochner	8th Grade Class Anthology
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
31 Original Poetry Anthology--Class				
Entries	11	Judge	M. Mei, K. McQueen	
1st	Mrs. Boyles' 5th Hour	Stockton	T. Boyles	Protest Poetry: A Collection of Truth
2nd	8A Class	IC	A. Gassel	Where I Am From 8A
2nd	Group	Phelps	L. Schick	Inside Our Wild Imagination: An Anthology
3rd	Whole Class	St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton	K. Meinhardt	Seventh Grade Diamantes
3rd	8B Class	IC	A. Gassel	Where I Am From 8B
H.M.	7th grade class	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Original Poetry Anthology by a Class
Grades 7-8				
32 Original Illustrated Book by Group				
Entries	14	Judge	M. Prax, D. Martin	
1st	Keegan Adams et al	Phelps	K. Heugel	Farynandie Saves the Village of Gnomes
2nd	Paxton Naylor et al	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Billy's Monsters
3rd	Gabi Gaumer et al	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Larry the Licorice Learns His Lesson
3rd	J. Daus, H. Spade, K. McClane	IC	A. Gassel	Pride & Prejudice Modernized
H.M.	Emarie Wiley and Ava Vzzell	New Covenant	A Mozley	The Jumanji Crew
Grades 7-8				
33 Original Prose Anthology by individual				
Entries	2	Judge	M. Prax	
1st	Arlyn Pothina	New Covenant	A. Mozley	My Thoughts on Paper
2nd	Claire McGee	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Claire's Anthology
3rd				
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
34 Original Prose Anthology -- small group				
Entries	5	Judge	D. Rickard	
1st	AJ Stanfield et al	Phelps	Kelly Heugel	Ancient World Adaptation
2nd	Mrs. Ochners Small Group	Dadeville	Lori Ochner	Social Injustice of the World
3rd	Jaycee Hoehler	West Plains Middle School	Anastasia Closser	Long Loving Words
H.M.	Grace Eades	West Plains Middle School	Anastasia Closser	What Others See

Grades 7-8				
35 Original Prose Anthology by a Class				
Entries	5	Judge	D. Rickard	
1st	Melak Gerezhgir	West Plains	Anastasia Closser	Swarming Flocks of Literature
2nd	Class - Ochner	Dadeville	Lori Ochner	Class-Ochner-7th
3rd				
H.M.				
36 Category eliminated				
Entries		Judge		
Grades 7-8				
37 Original Anthology of Prose and Poetry -- Individual				
Entries	10	Judge	S. Padfield	
1st	Arlyn Pothina	NCA	A. Mozley	Creative Expressions
2nd	Tatum Sieber	NCA	A. Mozley	The Thoughts Inside My Head
3rd	Abby Freidt	West Plains	A. Closser	Storms Weren't Made to Last Forever
H.M.	Johsua Obafemi-Ajayi	NCA	A. Mozley	My Way With Words
Grades 7-8				
38 Original Anthology of Prose and Poetry -- Small Group				
Entries	5	Judge	C. Thornton	
1st	Myah Hibler	West Plains	A. Closser	The Closser Crew
2nd	Peggy Peterman	Pleasant Hope	P. Peterman	Nature in Action
3rd	Jayden Mulford	West Plains	A. Closser	Deaming of Words
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
39 Original Anthology of Prose and Poetry -- Class				
Entries	2	Judge	M. Gargus	
1st	Raymond Barbrow III	West Plains	A. Closser	The Art of Prose and Poetry
2nd	Lyndzey Casey	West Plains	A. Closser	Writes that Unite Us
3rd				
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
40 Ballad				
Entries	22	Judge	M. Friend	
1st	Mikaylah Doty	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Middle School
2nd	Chloe Mays	Greenfield	R. Burton	The Ballad of the Dead Mouse
3rd	Arlyn Pothina	NCA	A. Mozley	Sleepy Head
H.M.	Christian Vanassche	West Plains	A. Closser	Kristallnacht
H.M.	Dane Scholz	Phelps	L. Schick	The Beasts of the Night
H.M.	Tatum Sieber	NCA	A. Mozley	Why Does No One Listen?
Grades 7-8				
41 Biopoem/Geopoem				
Entries	40	Judge	K. Howard	
1st	Addysun Sturgeon	West Plains	A. Closser	Addysun
2nd	Kara Buckmaster	Summit	J. Alexander	Her
3rd	Sadie Mahaffey	Springfield Lutheran	S. Bartok	Sanibel Island, FL

H.M	Ruben Brawley	West Plains	A. Closser	Ruben Brawley
Grades 7-8				
42 Cinquain				
Entries	43	Judge	T. Avery	
1st	Ryan Tyndall	NCA	A. Mozley	Portal to the Underworld
2nd	Haydn Zimmerman	West Plains	J. Boze	Rethinking Running
2nd	Tess Nicolosi	Mansfield	S. Appleby	Intolerance
3rd	Ella Gillham	NCA	A. Mozley	Arson
3rd	Chris Arnold	Summit	E. Savza	I Fight
H.M.	Madalyn Back	Greenfield	R. Burton	Public Eye
H.M.	Wes Scheele	Springfield Lutheran	S. Bartok	Nature
H.M.	Aralea Farrell	NCA	A. Mozley	Europa - A Moon with Undiscovered Life
Grades 7-8				
43 Diamante				
Entries	39	Judge	M.Friend	
1st	Ella Wharton	West Plains Middle School	Anastasia Closser	Toxic
2nd	Andrew Whitely	St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton	Kelcey Meinhardt	God
3rd	Alex Tankesley	Greenfield Jr. High	Renee Burton	Friday Night
H.M.	Zain Rehman	Phelps	Lynn Schick	Writing
H.M.	Allison Jones	West Plains Middle School	Jennifer Boze	Books
H.M.	Jamie Tran	St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton	Kelcey Meinhardt	Light
44 Haiku				
Entries	50	Judge	C. Thorton	
1st	Whit Gelner	Summit	J. Alexander	Sailboat on the Ocea
2nd	Avalea Farrell	NCA	A. Mozley	After His Death
3rd	Hadleigh McCue	SEAS	N. Russell	Abyss
H.M.	Mia Alexander	West Plains	J Boze	Sunset
Grades 7-8				
45 Tanka				
Entries	34	Judge	M. Gargus	
1st	Lucas Reed	Summit	J. Alexander	The Night Sky
2nd	Conner Sauchuk	Phelps	K. Heugel	The Sorrow of the Grey Wolf
3rd	Carlos Perez	West Plains	J. Boze	Life
H.M.	Luke Divito	SEAS	K. Meinhardt	Peace
H.M.	Madalyn Back	Greenfield	R. Burton	Mirror
H.M.	Finley Pollard	Summit Prep	J. Alexander	Deer
H.M.	Payton Siegel	NCA	A. Mozley	They're in the stars Now, They Say
Grades 7-8				
46 Parody				
Entries	18	Judge	D. Rickard	
1st	Cole Stephenson	Phelps	L. Schick	I Don't Want To Do A Thing
2nd	Evelyn Sparkman	Republic	S. Gielow	X's and Y's
3rd	Teagan Brown	Republic	S. Gielow	Christmas Time... Shake It Off
H.M.	Josiah Reine	Republic	S. Gielow	Saint's Season
Grades 7-8				
47 Acrostic				
Entries	62	Judge	K. McWilliams	
1st	Sadie Mahaffey	Springfield Lutheran	S. Bartok	Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
2nd	Avalea Farrell	NCA	A. Mozley	Forgotten in the Forest
2nd	Ella Gillham	NCA	A. Mozley	Star Bound
2nd	Ashlynn Oller	NCA	A. Mozley	Wishing I Didn't Care
2nd	Tina Voznyarska	NCA	A. Mozley	The Meanings Behind the Piece of You I Carry

3rd	Allison Worthy	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Broken
H.M.	Lanie Deng	Phelps	L. Schick	Winter Wind
H.M.	Savannah Allen	SEAS	K. Meinhardt	Raindrops
H.M.	Jacob Bary	Lamar	T. Shelton	Narrative Acrostic Poem...
H.M.	Aaron Davison	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Presence
H.M.	Alyssa Newman	Summit	E. Souza	Basketball Motivation
H.M.	Jackson Baumgarth	Logan-Rogersville	C. Ramlow	All the Leaves
Grades 7-8				
48 Other Formula				
Entries	19	Judge	T. Avery	
1st	Lanie Deng	Phelps	L. Schick	My Voice
2nd	Owen Underwood	Phelps	L. Schick	Under Dirt
3rd	Jett Belk	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Only Then
H.M.	Joshua Obafemi-Ajayi	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Behind the Act
Grades 7-8				
49 Long Free Verse -- 11 lines or more				
Entries	64	Judge	M. Gragus	
1st	Anilya Jones	Summit Prep	E. Souza	Farewell
2nd	Kira Welch	Republic	J. Bennett	Firsts And Lasts
2nd	Addison Hannah	St. Elizabeth	K. Meinhardt	Real or Fake?
2nd	Javen Mourer	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Continually Cursed
2nd	Clara Moody	Phelps	L. Schick	The Writing Process
2nd	Aryam Gerezgehir	West Plains	B. Waggoner	A Breath of Fresh Air
3rd	Addysun Sturgeon	West Plains	A. Closser	Repeat
3rd	Jaycee Hoehler	West Plains	A. Closser	Missing Heart
3rd	Tatum Sieber	New Covenant	A. Mozley	I Used to Love You
3rd	Ellyauna Adams	Republic	J. Bennett	Depression
H.M.	Olivia Wartick	Republic	J. Bennett	Steps
H.M.	Rachel Brock	Republic	S. Gielow	Social Anxiety
H.M.	Allison Plier	Republic	S. Moore	The Devil I Know
Grades 7-8				
50 Short Free Verse -- 10 lines or fewer				
Entries	44	Judge	S. Keeth	
1st	Lyndzey Casey	West Plains	A. Closser	Hopeless
2nd	Jacob Burlington	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Where the Grim Reaper Hides
3rd	Melak Gerezgehir	West Plains	A. Closser	Voices
H.M.	Dewey Dowdy	Stockton	T. Boyles	Streetlights
H.M.	Lillie Chapey	Springfield Lutheran	S. Bartok	Winter
H.M.	Devynn Ball	Mansfield	S. Appleby	Gentle Mornings
H.M.	Jordyn Dick	Republic	K. Ganz	Rainy Nights
H.M.	Kairen Zirjacks	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Ukraine
Grades 7-8				
51 Limerick				
Entries	24	Judge	A. Dodson	
1st	Vivian Hyder	Republic	Epperson	The Girl in Middle School
2nd	Sumedh Reddy	Phelps	L. Schick	Sadat the Magician
3rd	Evan Henke	Phelps	L. Schick	Taxes
H.M.	Braelyn Stephens	Greenfield	R. Burton	The Protector of the Night
H.M.	Colton Person	West Plains	B. Waggoner	Bill
Grades 7-8				
52 Long Narrative Poetry -- 11 lines or more				

Entries	28	Judge	A. Dodson	
1st	Ryan Winstead	SEAS	M. Hillwick	Routine
2nd	Kendall Mincks	Dadeville	L. Ochner	When You Would Take...
3rd	Kierra Montgomery	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Black Sheep
H.M.	Shia Roberts	Stockton	T. Boyles	Where's Dad
H.M.	Katelyn Hollman	Dadeville	L. Ochner	The World of Imagination
Grades 7-8				
53 Short Narrative Poetry -- 10 lines or less				
Entries	12	Judge	S Padfield	
1st	Jayden Mulford	West Plains	A. Closser	The Magician and His Rabbit
2nd	Benjamin Groose	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Ukraine
3rd	Sariah Terry	West Plains	B. Waggoner	4 Wheeler
H.M.	Katelyn Holman	Dadeville	L. Ochner	The Long Road of Times Ahead
Grades 7-8				
54 Original Poster Poem				
Entries	18	Judge	G. Scarlet	
1st	Estella Edwards	NCA	A. Mozley	Heart on Fire
2nd	Darci Orbin	Pleasant Hope	P. Peterman	Midnight Rise
3rd	Briar Wallen	Greenfield	R. Burton	My Burger
H.M.	Chloe Jones	Greenfield	R. Burton	A Single Tear
Grades 7-8				
55 Long Rhymed Poetry				
Entries	32	Judge	A. Dodson	
1st	Shia Roberts	Stockton	Boyles	Change
2nd	Cara Delta Cruz	SEAS	Meinhardt	Postulates of Mankind
3rd	Avalea Farrell	New Covenant	Mozley	When We Grow Up
H.M.	Aralea Farrell	New Covenant	Mozley	The Gray in Life
H.M.	Serenity Barker	West Plains	Closser	Stress
Grades 7-8				
56 Short Rhymed Poetry				
Entries	26	Judge	M. Mer	
1st	Scarlett Loehr	New Covenant	A. Mozley	My Concealed Feelings
2nd	Emma King	New Covenant	A. Mozley	Why I Cry
3rd	Noah Black	Republic	S. Gielow	The Four at the Store
H.M.	Ryan Winstead	St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton	M Hillwick	Pepper
Grades 7-8				
57 Sonnet				
Entries	11	Judge	K. Demster	
1st	Ryddick Scritchfield	Pleasant Hope	P. Peterman	Playing in the Field
2nd	Cara Dela Cruz	SEAS	K. Meinhardt	Old Friend
3rd	Anna Schippert	Summit	J. Alexander	To Escape Doom
H.M.	Ryddick Scritchfield	Pleasant Hope	P. Peterman	The Flute
Grades 7-8				
58 Villanelle				
Entries	7	Judge	K. Demster	
1st	Joshua Obafemi-Ajayi	NCA	A. Mozley	The Colonial Tea Party
2nd	Brian Hayes	Phelps	L. Schick	We will Rebel
3rd	Emma King	NCA	A. Mozley	The Almost Tragedy of Appollo 13
H.M.	Andy Jin	Phelps	L. Schick	Night Light
Grades 7-8				

59 Individual Task Analysis				
Entries	7	Judge	K. Demster	
1st	Gentry Osterloh	Republic	S. Gielow	How to Start Working Out
2nd	Wriston Worthington	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Are Your Parents Mad at You?
3rd	Teagan Brown	Republic	S. Gielow	How to Take Care of Your Hair
H.M.	Emma Sayers	Dadeville	L. Ochner	How to Survive Middle School
Grades 7-8				
60A Editorial				
Entries	7	Judge	K. Constable	
1st	Claire McGee	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Misplaced Cases
2nd	Charleigh Toler	Dadeville	L. Ochner	The Enslaved Children of Burundi
3rd	Audrey Gao	Phelps	K. Heugel	Splatoon 3 Review
H.M.	Tess Nicolosi	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	Black History Month
Grades 7-8				
60B Commentary/opinion column				
Entries	18	Judge	K. Constable	
1st	Charleigh Toler	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Murder Behind the Wheel
2nd	Hudson Patillo	West Plains Middle School	A. Closser	Kids Downloading Social Media Too Young
3rd	Tess Nicolosi	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	STOP Banning Books
H.M.	Aaron Paudert	Gloria Deo Academy	V. Losle	Ancient Egyptians Were Way More Advanced Than We Thought
Grades 7-8				
61 Feature Story				
Entries	19	Judge	K. Culp	
1st	Gracie Sappington	Dadeville	L. Ochner	A Dance with Opportunity
2nd	Jack Wegrzyn	Phelps	K. Heugel	Trend Wrestling
3rd	Klarissa Gonzales	Gloria Deo	D. Nelson	New Choir New Opportunities
H.M.	Fisher Gronney	Marshfield	J. Walker	Hunting for Good Memories
Grades 7-8				
62 News Story				
Entries	21	Judge	A. Dodson	
1st	Wriston Worthington	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Working Hard Hardly Working
2nd	E. Gueruldsen, A. Brenner, J. W	Republic	D. Norman	The Willow Project
3rd	Abby Freidt	West Plains	A. Closser	Current Events w Mary Chilner
H.M.	Paige Bodnar	Phelps	K. Heugel	The Paths of IB
H.M.	Jayma Pitchford	Republic	S. Gielow	U.S. Social Media Ban
Grades 7-8				
63 Sports Story				
Entries	26	Judge	K. Culp	
1st	Fisher Croney	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	Advantages of Being Small
2nd	Raelynn Smith	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	The May Be Small But They Are Mighty
3rd	Aaron Paudert	Gloria Deo Academy	D. Nelson	Archery Team Succeeds in Huge Billings Tournament
H.M.	Arorie Bennett	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	Dark and Cross Country
H.M.	Aiden Garrison	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	The Basketball Boys Put It All On the Line
Grades 7-8				
64A School Newspaper				
Entries	10	Judge	K. Culp	
1st	Lion's Life Staff	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	The Lion's Life: October 2022
2nd	The Lightning Striked Staff	West Plains	K. Jo Vance	The Lightning Strikes News: October
3rd	The Lion's Life Staff	Mansfield	J. Walker-Davidson	The Lion's Life: November 2022
H.M.	Epperson Gateley	Republic	E. Epperson	The Tiger Times: March 2023

Grades 7-8				
64B School Magazine				
Entries	3	Judge	K. Culp	
1st	The Lightning Strikes Staff	West Plains	K. Jo Vance	The Lightning Strikes News: January 2023
2nd	The Lightning Strikes Staff	West Plains	K. Jo Vance	The Lightning Strikes News: September 2022
3rd	The Lightning Strikes Staff	West Plains	K. Jo Vance	The Lightning Strikes News: February 2023
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
65 Spoken word poetry script				
Entries	7	Judge	K. McWilliams	
1st	Elicia Dreckman	Willard	S. Stark	Feel Their Shame
2nd	Kyree Basnight	Republic	A. Boykin	I Told It All
3rd	Gracey Hawkins	Republic	S. Gielow	When You Let Go
H.M.	Jayden Mulford	West Plains	A. Closser	The Spindle of Art and Recognition
Grades 7-8				
66 Commercial Script				
Entries	9	Judge	E. Gambriel	
1st	Alexis Kenyon	West Plains	A. Closser	Don't Let Aliens Dissect You
2nd	Natalie Joliette, Brylee Barlett	Ash Grove	K. Moler	Fear the Rainbow
3rd	Kynnedi Martindale	West Plains	A. Closser	Intelligent Umbrella
H.M.	Jayden Mulford	West Plains	A. Closser	How to Get Famous
Grades 7-8				
67 Dialogue (Skit)				
Entries	8	Judge	E. Gambriel	
1st	Nathan Trile	Republic	J. Bennett	The Best Action Movie You Have Ever Watched
2nd	Chase McCulloch, Gatlin Garfie	Lamar	T. Shelton	Daedalus Gets Saved
3rd	Charleigh Toler	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Revenge
H.M.	Claire McGee	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Double Play
Grades 7-8				
68 Play Script				
Entries	9	Judge	E. Gambriel	
1st	Grant Hudson, Dominik Quinn S	Phelps	K. Huegel	Frogs and Aliens The Rise of Nero
2nd	Multiple Students	Logan Rogersvile	C. Ramlow	Bad Hospitality
3rd	Rosabel Shaver	Lamar	T. Shelton	The King and His Kite
H.M.	Allison Worthy	Dadeville	L. Ochner	Jump
Grades 7-8				
69 Screenplay				
Entries	2	Judge	E. Gambriel	
1st	Ryddik Scritchfield	Pleasant Hope	Peggy Peterman	Dungeons and Dragons Going Rogue
2nd	Serenity Barker	West Plains	Anastasia Closser	Sam
3rd				
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
70 Individual or Group Community Response				
Entries	7	Judge	K. Constable	
1st	Jayden Mulford	West Plains	A. Closser	Dear Mayor of West Plains
2nd	Alexis Kenyon	West Plains	A. Closser	Dear Mayor
3rd	Owen Daniel	Greenfield	R. Burton	Dear Senator Beck

H.M.	Jaycee Hoehler	West Plains	A Closser	Attention School Board Member
Grades 7-8				
71 Individual or group Writing Rocks				
Entries	6	Judge	N. McBrown	
1st	Briar Wallen	Greenfield	Renee Burton	Wilma's Writing
2nd	Addington Roberts	Greenfield	Renee Burton	The Boy With a Dream
3rd	Chloe Jones	Greenfield	Renee Burton	Writing
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
72 Individual Writing of Appreciation of a Living Person (grades 5-10 only)				
Entries	17	Judge	N. McBrown	
1st	Madeline Jump	Republic	S. Gielow	Someone to Appreciate
2nd	Brooklyn Webers	West Plains	A. Closser	Dear Jack
3rd	Ceceila Scrivner	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	K. Meinhardt	Simone Biles
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
73 Individual or group Promote Writing				
Entries	3	Judge	N. McBrown	
1st	Skyler Robinson	Greenfield	R. Burton	LAD Fair
2nd	Braelyn Stephens	Greenfield	R. Burton	LAD, Where Creation Comes to Life
3rd	Alexandra Tankesley	Greenfield	R. Burton	LAD, Write Today
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
74 Individual graphic adaptation of Published Literature				
Entries	12	Judge	M. Rogers	
1st	Emily Barr	Willard	S. Stark	Between Shades of Gray Journal
2nd	Sophia Chang	Phelps	K. Heugel	Animals and Philosophers! Comic Strip
3rd	Jordyn Keehner	Republic	M. Gilliland	Word of Mouse
H.M.	Jhon Salmarin	Republic	S. Moore	Mice and Men
75 Individual original writing with original art				
Entries	14	Judge	M. Rogers	
1st	Anya Soni	Greenwood	J. Grace	Who is He?
2nd	Jack Herr	Phelps	K. Heugel	The Empire of Jivilnosk
3rd	Rosabel Shaver	Lamar	T. Shelton	Stage Fright
H.M.	Braelyn Stephens	Greenfield	R. Burton	Anne Frank
Grades 7-8				
76 Individual Collage				
Entries	9	Judge	M. Rogers, K. Haraldson	
1st	Samantha Daniels	Willard	L. Hillenburg	Freak the Mighty
2nd	Ella Rollwagen	Pleasant View	W. Biesemeyer	Vampire Diaries
2nd	Lily Pattison	IC	A. Gassel	Elizabeth's Solitary Rose
3rd	Bailey Penny	Republic	M. Gilliland	Wonder
H.M.	Dailyn Stocklein	Republic	S. Moore	The Outsiders
H.M.				
Grades 7-8				
77 Individual Drawing				
Entries	35	Judge	M. Rogers, K. McQueen	
1st	Haley Pearson	Republic	S. Gielow	It Ends With US

1st	Zoey Johns		Republic	S. Moore	Sun Summoner
2nd	Ryder Lindemann		Republic	C. Daughtery	Willie The Clown
2nd	Matisse Nemeth		IC	A. Gassel	Coraline--A New Cover
3rd	Emma Lei		Republic	K. Ganz	World of Shadow and Bone
3rd	Lily Pattison		IC	A. Gassel	Words Left Unspoken
H.M.	Jayden Mulford		West Plains	A. Closser	Photo of a Family
H.M.	Laila Nur Ozturk		Greenwood	J. Grace	The Girl Who Drank the Moon

Grades 7-8

78 Individual Painting

Entries		17	Judge	M. Herr	
1st	Gabby Shanks		Republic	S. Gielow	The Outsiders
2nd	Anya Soni		Greenwood	J. Grace	The City of Color
3rd	Abby Friedt		West Plains	A. Closser	Sincerity Through Sunset
3rd	Anya Soni		Greenwood	J. Grace	The Lost Cities
H.M.	Serenity Conner		Republic	S. Moore	The Wonders of 5 Worlds

Grades 7-8

79 Individual 3-Dimensional Structure

Entries			Judge		
1st					
2nd					
3rd					
H.M.					

Grades 7-8

80 Group Project

Entries			Judge		
1st					
2nd					
3rd					
H.M.					