

Contest Rules

Entries that do not meet the following guidelines will be disqualified

1. Categories: Youth - ages 17 and under; Adults - ages 18 and over.
2. Eligibility: La Verne resident; La Verne student; employee of a La Verne school or business
3. Only one entry per category accepted per participant.
4. Stories and poems must be written solely by contestant.
5. All genres will be accepted. Please do not send vulgar or obscene pieces.
6. Stories may be no longer than 1,500 words.
Poems may be no longer than 26 lines.
7. Entries must be submitted in the following format:
 - A. Typed in font size 12 in Arial or Times New Roman;
 - B. Double-spaced; and
 - C. Include a header stating the story name and page number.
 - D. DO NOT write your name on the story or poem.
8. Contest entries are limited to the first 50 received and will be accepted through midnight on Monday, February 4, 2019. Entries received after this date will not be judged.
9. Award winners will be contacted by email.
10. Cash prizes will be awarded at the Annual Local Authors' Event held on Saturday, March 9, 2019.
 - A. Winners in each category will receive:
 - a. First - \$100 cash prize and author will be invited to read at the Annual Authors' event;
 - b. Second - \$50 cash prize; and
 - c. Third - \$25 cash prize.

Selected pieces from all categories may be published in an anthology.

RUBRIC

All entries will be judged by the La Verne Writers' Group members in adherence to the following criteria:

Short Stories

- A. Formatting;
- B. Proper punctuation and grammar;
- C. Characterization;
- D. Consistent narration, point-of-view;
- E. Proper use of dialogue; and
- F. Logical conclusion.

Poetry

- A. Formatting;
- B. Imagery;
- C. Rhyme Scheme;
- D. Concentrated language;
- E. Emotional connection; and
- F. Originality.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Fill out the entry form clearly and legibly.
2. Make sure the form is signed by the appropriate individual.
3. Applicant's name **MUST NOT** appear on any part of the story document.
4. Submit your entry:
 - 1 - By email to LVWG2015@gmail.com;

- 2 - By mail to: LVWG Writing Contest
Community Services Department
City of La Verne
3660 "D" Street
La Verne, CA 91750
- 3 - You may also hand-deliver your entry to the Community Services Department or place it in their drop box.
6. No notification will be made of accepted entries. No entries will be returned. Only the participants with winning entries will be notified.

Any and all guidelines may be modified at the discretion
of the La Verne Writers' Group