

Mildred Haun Student Writing Contest

Categories:

Fiction

Nonfiction

Poetry

Writing Guidelines:

Submitted entries must be unpublished. Only one entry per category please. Manuscripts should be:

- Typed in a "plain" 12-point font (ex: Times New Roman, Ariel, etc).
- Prose must be double spaced.
- Poetry shall be single spaced except where poets landscaping of page requires otherwise.
- Entries are limited to 3,000 words.

Submit one copy of your manuscript with one title page that includes your name, address, telephone number, email address, the title of the piece(s), and the name of the category to which you are submitting. Poetry submissions may include up to three poems per one entry. Make sure your name does not appear anywhere besides the title page to ensure blind judging.

Winners must be guests at the Mildred Haun Conference, where they will receive their prize and free lunch for two people!

Contest winners will be announced at the Mildred Haun Literary Conference on Friday, February 6, 2026.

All materials will be submitted online. Hard copies will not be accepted.

There is no submission fee.

Prize amounts per category for college students:

First: \$100 Visa gift card

Second: \$75 Visa gift card

Prize gifts for high-school students: writers' notebooks & pens

Submit to: chippy.mclain@ws.edu with the subject line: MH 2026 Writing Submission.

Deadline for submissions is: **December 23, 2025.**