



A Few Opportunities for Student Writers

*Go ahead – send your work out there!
You’ve got nothing to lose.*

Before you send any work in, check the Writers’ Submission Guidelines, which appear on the website or inside the magazine. Pay attention to word count and any themes that might be requested. If a contest has a DEADLINE, make sure that your work arrives in plenty of time.

Send your best work; and have a teacher, friend, or parent check your manuscript for typos. Use white paper, 8 1/2” x 11” and black ink with a normal font like Times / 12. Follow the guidelines carefully. For example, type your name and page # on each page, unless requested NOT to—sometimes contests want “blind” manuscripts with a separate cover sheet that has your title listed on it. Make sure to keep copies of any work that you submit.

If at first you don’t succeed, don’t be discouraged. Every rejection slip brings you one step closer to being published. When your work is published, you will receive a copy of the issue, and sometimes payment, too. Keep copies or “clips” of all your published work. Best of luck in your efforts!

Please note: If some links do not open automatically, please copy and past the url in your search bar. If you find a link that is not found, please let us know at: info@cpits.org.

California Coastal Commission Annual Art & Poetry Contest, entries due by January 31. Open to all K-12 students who live in California.

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/poster.html>

Figment: encouraging, online community where young writers share and read new writing. Launched by former editors of the New Yorker. Contests and forums to post your work.

<http://www.figment.com>

Highlights for Children: youth up to age 12 may send poems, drawings, book reviews and more. Guidelines are at <https://highlights.submittable.com/submit>

New Moon Girls: The Magazine for Girls and their Dreams, for ages 8 – 12. Check out their website and guidelines and upcoming themes.

<http://newmoon.com/how-to-get-published/>

One Teen Story: Publishes fiction written by teens. Digital and print editions. See guidelines!

<http://www.one-story.com/index.php?page=submit&pubcode=ots>

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Rattle Young Poets Anthology: The author of the poem must have been **age 15 or younger** when the poem was written, and **18 or younger** when submitted. Poems may be submitted by the poet, or by the poet’s parent/legal guardian, or teacher.
<http://www.rattle.com/children/guidelines/>

River of Words: celebrates nature, art and poetry. Annual Watershed Poetry contest & festival. Prizes and publication. Open to students worldwide, age 5-19. <https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/center-for-environmental-literacy/river-of-words>

Scholastic: sponsors an annual competition for writers, photographers, and artists. For grades 7 – 12. Website has resources and examples of past award & scholarship winners.
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/writeit/pubhome.asp>

Stone Soup: welcomes stories, poems and art by kids aged 13 and younger.
<http://stonesoup.com/how-to-submit-writing-and-art-to-stone-soup/>

Teen Ink: publishes poetry and prose on-line and in print. Monthly contests and information about workshops, college programs and writing-related resources.
http://www.teenink.com/submit_work.php

ukiaHaiku: an annual festival of Haiku. No cost to enter. <http://ukiahaiku.org/>

Waging Peace: a wealth of peace resources, including poetry, video, and essay contests and interviews with peacemakers and world leaders. Past winners featured.
<http://www.peacecontests.org/>

Selected Literary Resources & Youth Opportunities

California Poets in the Schools, 2131 19th Street, #203, San Francisco, CA 94116. (415) 221-4201. Places professional writers in classrooms throughout California. Student poems and resources online. Yearly anthology published. Invite a Poet-Teacher to your school. She/he can then select poems from each residency to submit to our editor for the yearly anthology. <http://www.californiapoets.org/>



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Academy of American Poets. Find a poet, Find a poem. Find a lesson plan. <https://www.poets.org/>

California Arts Council: Advancing California Through Arts and Creativity. Find information about Poetry Out Loud and other writing projects. <http://www.cac.ca.gov/>

California State Summer School for the Arts. Annual program held at Cal Arts for 8th-12th grade students passionate about music, creative writing, dance, film, visual art, animation, or theatre. Details about portfolio preparation on their website. Applications due in February. Excellent student support and lifelong friendships. <http://www.csssa.ca.gov/>

Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. Offers seminars, summer programs, and *Imagine* magazine, which is a treasure trove of opportunities in writing and other fields of interest. <http://cty.jhu.edu/imagine/>

Mendocino Coast Writers Conference. Supports scholarship for Under-25 writers each year. Applications due in May. <http://www.mcwc.org>

National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts sponsors annual scholarship programs, including Presidential Scholars in the Arts awards, for high school musicians, writers, artists, dancers. See website for application and writing portfolio guidelines. October 1 deadline to register. Fee waivers available. <https://www.youngarts.org/>

National Geographic Expeditions for ages 13+. Scholarships for students seeking summer outdoors adventure, nature, wildlife, archaeology, creative writing. <http://ngstudentexpeditions.com/>

National Novel Writing Month. Every November, writers log in to chart their progress toward finishing a 50,000 word first-draft. Special forum and resources for teen novelists. Lots of support, ideas, and bulletin boards for different genres of writing. **www.nanowrimo.org** and new site for young writers: <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/>

Poetry Foundation, Is committed to bringing poetry to everyone. A wonderful site to find a poem or to learn about new forms like poetry-comics. <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

Poetry Out Loud, Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation. High School poetry recitation contest. Great poems archived on site. <http://www.poetryoutloud.org/>

Teachers & Writers Collaborative, Publishes online journal and offers lesson plans and other resources for writers and writing teachers. <https://www.twc.org/>

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Tía Chucha’s Centro Cultural, offers writing and performance workshops in the Los Angeles region.
<http://www.tiachucha.org/>

Write Girl provides pre-collegiate mentoring, creative writing workshops, performance and publication opportunities for teen girls in the Los Angeles region. Find them at <http://www.writegirl.org/>

Youth Speaks Written and spoken word in the SF Bay Area and beyond. Performances and U-21 open mic. <http://youthspeaks.org/>

826 Valencia Street Project in San Francisco’s Mission District. English language learners are welcome. Tutoring and writing programs for ages 6-18. Check it out. In San Francisco: <http://826valencia.org/>
In Los Angeles: <http://826la.org/>