

Eligible Contestants

The contest is open to all North Carolina Students in Grades 6-8 and 9-12. **Staff sponsors must be members of NCETA.**

Awards

The top entries in both categories will be published by NCETA in *The North Carolina English Teacher* and online. NCETA awards the first-place writers in both categories (6-8 and 9-12) \$250 each. All finalists and their teachers will receive complimentary copies of the journal.

Requirements

1. The number of entries allowed per school is determined by enrollment:
 - o Up to 500 (one entry); 501-1000 (two entries); 1001-1500 (three entries); and above 1500 (four entries);
2. The entry must be approximately 750 words of original short prose fiction;
3. Schools larger than 500 may include only one entry per student;
4. Please *type* in 12 pt. Times New Roman Font and save in electronic format (PDF, Google Drive, Word);
5. Do not include photos

Contest Entry

Deadline for entry is June 30, 2019.

Please note, submission guidelines have changed. For the entry to be eligible, you must follow these procedures:

1. Complete the entry forms before the June 30 deadline.
2. Submit entry forms in digital format via email attachment or Google Drive to hforbis@cctlec.org by June 30, 2019.
 - a. The signatures and certifications sections must include actual signatures from the student author, the student's parent/guardian and a **staff sponsor who is a current member of NCETA**. This page can be printed, signatures added, and scanned as a JPEG or PDF for digital submission. **Typed signatures will not be accepted.**
3. Once NCETA's Writing Contest Director receives all completed contest submissions and entry materials, both school staff sponsor and student will be contacted via email to confirm receipt. **PLEASE do not email or call to confirm receipt of entries.**
4. Student work for contest submission may be submitted in the following ways:
 - a. PDF or Microsoft Word file as an email attachment to hforbis@cctlec.org
 - b. via Google Drive. Share with hforbis@cctlec.org
 - c. PDF format is preferred.

For other questions, contact:

Heather Forbis, NCETA Writing Contest Director

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Namesake and History

Amy Charles directed the NCETA writing contests for twenty years, beginning in 1961. “A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Charles received her BA from Westminster College (1943) and her MA from the University of Pennsylvania (1944). After her tenure at Westminster, she completed her PhD at the University of Pennsylvania (1955). A year later, she moved to the Woman’s College (subsequently UNC-Greensboro), where she taught until shortly before her death, March 24, 1985” (The North Carolina English Teacher, 1993, pg.11). The contest was named the Amy Charles Writing Awards in 1985 and merged with the North Carolina Writing Awards in 1992 at the request of NCDPI, who had previously administered those Awards. In 2007, the NCETA Board of Directors added the middle school contest and made the award exclusively a short fiction contest.

<http://www.ncenglishteachersassociation.org/writing-contests/>

Student Entrant Information

Title of Entry:

Number of Words:

Student's Name:

Student Email:

Student Home Address (Street):

City:

Zip Code:

Student Phone:

Parents/Guardians:

Local Newspaper:

Newspaper Address:

Entries cannot be returned.

School and Teacher Information

Teacher's Name:

Teacher Email:

School Name:

Enrollment:

School Address:

City:

County:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Signatures and Certifications

I certify that the enclosed entry is my original work, not plagiarized from my own published or others' published or unpublished work. I phrased and formatted all revisions on my own. I give NCETA permission to publish my entry in its journal and on its website.

Student Signature

Date

I give NCETA permission to publish my son/daughter's name and entry in its journal and on its website. I also give NCETA permission to publish his/her name and school information in its conference program.

Parent Signature

Date

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, this is the original work of my student whose name appears above. The submission abides by the criteria set forth in the guidelines for this contest.

Teacher Signature

Date

Do not write below this point (for NCETA only).

NCETA District _____ Contestant # _____