

WRITING CONTESTS

AWARDS, CONTESTS, AND GRANTS

2024-2026 GFWC CLUB MANUAL



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GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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**"EITHER WRITE SOMETHING WORTH READING
OR DO SOMETHING WORTH WRITING."
BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

Inspire creativity. Educate, engage, and empower members and your school communities through self-expression. Promote participation in GFWC-sponsored writing contests to foster community spirit, talent, and growth as writers. Contest entries in short stories and poetry are open to club members and youth in grades K-12. Encourage members and youth to write a story or a poem to express their thoughts and share their voices.

GFWC MEMBER CONTESTS

Authors must be dues-paying members of an active per capita club.

- Entries must be:
 - Typed, double-spaced, and one-inch minimum margins on the top, bottom, and both sides.
 - Printed on white 8.5 x 11-inch paper, one side only.
 - If emailed, use Microsoft Word files only.
- Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).
- Entries must include the following information on the top right-hand corner of each page:
 - Author's name, email address, mailing address, and phone number
 - Name of author's GFWC club and State Federation
 - Category
 - Title of work
 - Page number
- Authors must be amateurs. Earnings from writing may not exceed \$500 annually.
- Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the author.
- A completed, signed **GFWC Creative Arts Waiver** must be included with each submission.
- **Short stories** are limited to 2,000 words. Word count must be included at the end of the story.
- **Poetry entries** can be any style with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.
- Entries are limited to one per member per category.

