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| |  | | --- | | Image result for writing | | DEADLINE: 2/20/17  **YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS  WRITING COMPETITION 2017-18** Laurel Ridge Elementary’s YGAWC The Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition (YGAWC) is here once again! This competition encourages students to enjoy writing and showcase their writing skills. Every student in Kindergarten through 5th grade is encouraged to participate in this competition at the elementary school level. The YGAWC includes a local school competition, district competition, RESA competition, and state competition.  **Students may submit an original piece of writing. All submissions have a 1900-word limit. Student writing may include short stories, poetry, essays, journalism, research reports, personal narratives, or any other original student writing.** *Please see Official Rules handout for submission guidelines/details.* Each student is strongly encouraged to submit a writing entry for the competition.  Submit all submissions in their original format *no later than February 20, 2018.* Student names should not be included on the writing submissions but written on an index card with grade level, homeroom teacher’s name and paper clipped to submission. The school competition will take place on Wednesday, February 21st. Winner announcements Friday, February 23rd . ***Good Luck!*** | |  | |  | |  | | --- | | LRES’ YGAWC 2017-18 S Showcase *YOUR* writing talents (without the help of others)1900-words or less**Short stories, Poetry, Essays, Journalism, Research Reports, Personal Narratives, or any other Original Student Writing**Represent LRES, District, Resa & State | |  | | Winners announced Friday, Feb 23, 2017  [Dates and Times] [Dates and Times] | |

**YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS**

**WRITING COMPETITION**

**2017-2018**

OFFICIAL RULES

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**If you have a question or comment, please contact me at email address above.**

*Frequently Asked Questions:*

**Q. The instructions reference the "original" work, but then they talk about making sure that there is certain header information on each page of the original and the copy.**

**A.** Original work refers to work that the student created without the help of others. System coordinators are asked to verify that each system winner has the proper heading. This information may be handwritten and must be on each page of the entry (see LRES YGAWC flyer).

**Q. Do we submit all drafts or just the final copy?**

**A.** Final copy

**Q. My students collaborated on a writing project. May I submit multiple names for system consideration?**

**A.** YGA is a writing contest for individuals. While we support collaboration in the classroom, only one student per grade level in each school system may advance to the regional level.

**ABOUT THE YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHORS WRITING COMPETITION**

The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors (YGA) writing competition is to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, to provide a context to celebrate their writing successes, and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics.

This prestigious competition has been engaging Georgia students for more than two decades and is open to any student currently enrolled in Georgia public schools, grades K -12. The competition is sponsored by the Georgia Language Arts Supervisors (GLAS) and the Georgia RESA Network with support from the Georgia Department of Education.

**WHAT TO WRITE**

Unlike many writing competitions, YGA does not provide a prompt to which students must respond or provide any other boundaries to their genre choice or creativity beyond a 1900-word maximum length. Entries may include:

• Short Stories

• Poetry

• Essays/Literary Criticism/Analysis

• Journalism

• Academic/Research Reports

• Personal Narratives

• Any Other Original Student Writing