## **2024 STUDENT CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**sponsored by​GFWC New York ~ Women’s Club of Pittsford

**YOUTH POETRY AND SHORT STORY CONTESTS**

Encouragement of creative writing skills in youth (grade 6-8) and recognition of outstanding achievement in writing to enhance self-esteem.

**Category 3: Middle School – Grades 6, 7, 8**

**Rules:**

* Youth (grades 6-8) may enter one poem and/or one short story on the District Level.
* Authors must be of amateur status: earnings from writings must not exceed $500 annually.
* Manuscripts entered may not have been published prior to the completion and must be an original work of the author.
* Entries must be written on word processors or typewriters, one side only, ***double-spaced,*** with minimum margins of 1”, on 8 ½” X 11” paper.
* **Short stories** are limited to 2,000 words.
* **Poems** can be any style with a minimum length of 8 lines and a maximum of 30 lines.
* All entries must be written during the contest year.
* **Entries must have the following (single-spaced) in the *top right corner of each page*:**

**Author’s name**

**Mailing address**

**Telephone number**

 **E-mail address**

**Name of Club (Women’s Club of Pittsford, Lake District)**

**Category: (Poem or Short Story)**

**Title of work**

**Grade level category: (6-8) *Not the students grade level***

Judges would appreciate contestants numbering pages.

SPELLING COUNTS.

**A panel of independent judges will select the winners.
Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.**

 **Deadline: All entries must be received by February 9, 2024​**
Entries are judged in February. 1st place winners will be sent on to the state competition.

**Entries may be submitted to:**

 Ms.  Cassandra Dearring

 Ms. Shayla Johnson

**​ OR mailed to:**

**Writing Contest Coordinator
​**Tamara Minter
2 Fairway Crossing
 Pittsford, NY 14534

**Questions? Please contact Tamara:**

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Winning entries will be read at the April 2024 WCOP General Meeting, by the student.

\*Students, please be prepared to read your entry clearly, with the use of a microphone.