

Writing Contest 2022: Entry Form  
Organized by CVHS Writers' Club

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email or Phone (however we can best contact you): \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Category (indicate one)

Short Story

Poetry

Vignettes

Creative Non-Fiction

Lyrics

Word Count: \_\_\_\_\_

This submission is my original work. I understand that my submission may appear on the Writers' Club website, [cvwritersclub.weebly.com](http://cvwritersclub.weebly.com).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Below indicate how you would like your work to be attributed.

Author Name to appear on published entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this entry page along with your submission as two separate documents via email: [CVHSWritersClub@gmail.com](mailto:CVHSWritersClub@gmail.com) or drop off entry forms in Room 110.

Please do not put your name on the written submission, but on the entry form only!

Submissions due March 24, 2022, at 11:59 P.M.

Questions? See Mrs. Martin in room 110 or email [amartin@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:amartin@cvs.k12.mi.us)

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Official Rules

1. The contest is open to any Chippewa Valley High School Student, except for those judging that category of writing.
2. Participants must submit original entries and complete an entry form to be eligible for prizes and recognition on announcements and the Writers' Club website.
3. Each participant can enter up to three works, but only one per category. Categories include short story, poetry, creative non-fiction, vignettes, and song lyrics.
4. All entries must be submitted by March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm. They should be submitted in an email to CVHSWritersClub@gmail.com in a PDF format along with a completed entry form. Remember to only include your name in the email and entry form, not on the writing.
5. A panel of judges, made of Writers' Club members and CVHS teachers, will select a total of 3 winners, each receiving a \$50 gift card.
6. All entries that follow the criteria will be considered for the Club's website and read at the Book Fair. Entries are expected to be revised, edited, and show literary merit.
7. Winners will be announced at the Barnes and Nobel Book Fair on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
8. The decisions of the judges are final. Submission of an entry indicates acceptance of all contest rules.

## *Category Length and Guidelines*

### Short Story

500-2,500 words

Description: Any genre will do, but remember even flash fiction includes characters, setting, plot, and resolution. Short stories will be judged on plot, characterization, theme, and entertainment value.

### Poetry

50-500 words

Description: Poems can range free verse to more structured forms such as sonnets. Judges will be evaluating the overall message, emotion, and use of poetic techniques.

### Creative Non-fiction

500-2,500 words

Description: This broad category includes expository, persuasive, and argumentative pieces that include some creative element. Typical genres include articles, satire, editorials, essays, speeches, and letters. The “creative” notion means we are looking for unique structure, language techniques, topics, and tone, implying a strictly formatted academic research paper or formulaic five paragraph essay are antithetical to this category.

### Vignettes

200-1,000 words

Description: a short descriptive piece that displays a slice of life. Usually written in prose, vignettes focus on emotion or characterization in a quick scene, and do not contain a complete plot line. Judges will focus on imagery, emotion, and descriptive techniques.

### Song Lyrics

100-500 words

Description: Lyrics typically include a chorus, verses, and a bridge. Of course, other elements are welcomed including an intro, pre-chorus, outro, etc. Judges will pay attention to rhythm, meaning, and language.