



2026 Creative Writing Winners

Elementary and Junior High Short Story and Poetry

NATIONAL WINNERS				
PLACE	ELEMENTARY		JUNIOR HIGH	
	SHORT STORY	POETRY	SHORT STORY	POETRY
1st	Juliana Iang – 6 Suburban Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Adelyn Stratton – 6 Colonial Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Havilah Eoute – 8 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC	Harmony Burgoyne – 8 Academy of Excellence Milwaukee, WI
2nd	Emma Frieden – 6 Calvary Baptist Academy Ottawa, KS	Avery Ramler – 6 Marquette Manor Baptist Acad. Downers Grove, IL	Danessah Solares – 8 Victory Baptist Academy Weatherford, TX	Kaylee Baker – 8 Lancaster Christian Academy Lancaster, SC
3rd	Maya Boateng – 6 Wilmington Christian Academy Wilmington, NC	Savannah Borrero – 6 Bible Baptist Christian School Hampton, GA	Lorelei Romano – 7 SMIC Academy Birmingham, AL	Anna Galliardt – 7 Newton Bible Christian School Newton, KS

STATE WINNERS				
STATE	ELEMENTARY		JUNIOR HIGH	
	SHORT STORY	POETRY	SHORT STORY	POETRY
ALABAMA	Luke Stewart – 5 Atmore Christian School Atmore, AL	Ella Carr – 4 Mt. Pleasant Christian School Blountsville, AL	Lorelei Romano – 7 SMIC Academy Birmingham, AL	Liara Evans – 7 Peach City Academy Clanton, AL
ARIZONA	Sophia Escobar – 4 Arrowhead Christian Academy Glendale, AZ	Malachi Gallagher – 4 Arrowhead Christian Academy Glendale, AZ	NONE	NONE
CALIFORNIA	Logan Goltiao – 6 Calvary Baptist Christian Academy American Canyon, CA	Sienna Ong – 5 Calvary Baptist Christian Academy American Canyon, CA	Eleora Ilan – 8 International Bible Baptist Academy San Leandro, CA	Julian Loesch – 8 Heritage Baptist Academy Antioch, CA
COLORADO	Gavin Lund – 4 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO	Oliver Romero – 5 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO	Emrys Gayde – 8 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO	Brax Blum – 7 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO
FLORIDA	Landon Metzger – 6 Land O' Lakes Christian School Land O' Lakes, FL	Caydence Edes – 4 Santa Rosa Christian School Milton, FL	Sophie Smith – 8 Victory Christian Academy Jacksonville, FL	Juan Luzon – 8 Land O' Lakes Christian School Land O' Lakes, FL
GEORGIA	Leah Gouldstone – 6 Victory Baptist School Loganville, GA	Savannah Borrero – 6 Bible Baptist Christian School Hampton, GA	MJ West – 8 Killian Hill Christian School Lilburn, GA	Carleigh Cramer – 8 Victory Baptist School Loganville, GA
ILLINOIS	Christianna McIntyre – 6 Schaumburg Christian School Schaumburg, IL	Avery Ramler – 6 Marquette Manor Baptist Academy Downers Grove, IL	Ayana Patel – 7 First Baptist Christian School Danville, IL	Darius Popescu – 8 Logos Christian Academy Niles, IL
INDIANA	Juliana Iang – 6 Suburban Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Adelyn Stratton – 6 Colonial Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Van Sui – 8 Suburban Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Clara Gifford – 8 Tabernacle Christian School Martinsville, IN
KANSAS	Emma Frieden – 6 Calvary Baptist Academy Ottawa, KS	Malachi O'Rourke – 5 Calvary Baptist Academy Ottawa, KS	Holly Wolfenberger – 7 Newton Bible Christian School Newton, KS	Anna Galliardt – 7 Newton Bible Christian School Newton, KS

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MARYLAND	Maryam Burkhanova – 6 Harford Christian School Darlington, MD	Rania Kandasamy – 4 Harford Christian School Darlington, MD	Gideon Sillaman – 8 Calvary Baptist Church Academy Glen Burnie, MD	Todd Powell Jr. – 8 Harford Christian School Darlington, MD
MINNESOTA	NONE	NONE	Lydia Brink – 8 Chisago Christian School Chisago City, MN	NONE
NEW JERSEY	Tessa Switzer – 6 Bergen County Christian Academy Hackensack, NJ	Bruce Turner – 6 Solid Rock Christian School Berlin, NJ	Sophia Poppa – 8 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor City, NJ	Christopher German – 8 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor City, NJ
NORTH CAROLINA	Maya Boateng – 6 Wilmington Christian Academy Wilmington, NC	Lily Vega – 6 Tabernacle Christian School Hickory, NC	Stephie Chiu – 8 Bethel Christian Academy Kinston, NC	Naomi Mladin – 8 Tabernacle Christian School Hickory, NC
OHIO	Taylor Barnett – 6 Temple Christian Academy Howard, OH	Dalton Speicher – 4 Temple Christian Academy Howard, OH	Linda Troyer – 7 Temple Christian Academy Howard, OH	NONE
OREGON/ WASHINGTON	NONE	Jathan Jullian – 6 Westgate Christian School Tigard, OR	Adalee Moody-Bjork – 8 Westgate Christian School Tigard, OR	Galina Makin – 7 Westgate Christian School Tigard, OR
PENNSYLVANIA	Grace Stefanowicz – 6 Valley Forge Baptist Academy Collegeville, PA	NONE	Garrett Mortimer – 7 Calvary Baptist Academy Clymer, PA	NONE
SOUTH CAROLINA	Saige Cooper – 6 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC	Cannon Truitt – 5 Town Creek Christian Academy Aiken, SC	Havilah Eoute – 8 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC	Kaylee Baker – 8 Lancaster Christian Academy Lancaster, SC
TEXAS	McKenna Sisson – 6 Victory Baptist Academy Weatherford, TX	Mary Berry – 6 Victory Baptist Academy Weatherford, TX	Danessah Solares – 8 Victory Baptist Academy Weatherford, TX	Mateo Ulloa – 8 Westside Baptist Academy Katy, TX
UTAH	NONE	NONE	Janessa Howard – 7 Westside Christian School St. George, UT	Vivian Neil – 7 Westside Christian School St. George, UT
VIRGINIA	Mariah Binns – 6 Landmark Christian School Richmond, VA	Karis Yun – 6 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA	Jenna Holmes – 8 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA	Gabriel Van den Mooter – 8 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA
WASHINGTON	Sarah Grishchenko – 6 Cascade Vista Baptist School Kent, WA	NONE	NONE	NONE
WEST VIRGINIA	Evan Cumberledge – 6 Cross Lanes Christian School Charleston, WV	Annalise Kasten – 5 Cross Lanes Christian School Charleston, WV	Paisley James – 7 Cross Lanes Christian School Charleston, WV	Morgan Prine – 7 Cross Lanes Christian School Charleston, WV
WISCONSIN	Amylia Jackson – 6 Academy of Excellence Milwaukee, WI	Evelyn Franklin – 6 Calvary Baptist Church School Watertown, WI	Jinger Henning – 8 Mukwonago Baptist Academy Mukwonago, WI	Harmony Burgoyne – 8 Academy of Excellence Milwaukee, WI

States not listed did not submit entries.