

**Bering Strait School District**  
**CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST:**  
**Short Story, Poetry, One-Act Play, and Songwriting**

**THEME: HONORING MY CULTURE**

**Submissions begin February 4, 2019**  
**Deadline for Submissions: March 29, 2019 at 4:30 PM**

Bering Strait School District is thrilled to announce its first Creative Writing Contest. All students are invited to participate. This contest allows interested students to show off their creative writing skills and aims to encourage students to explore their love of writing, appreciate other good writers, and build a community of writers.

The winners in each grade and category will be announced on April 8, 2019, and each winning entry will be published in Studenttreasures and featured daily on KNSA radio.

Each group (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) and category will have a first, second, and third place winner. PreK entries are encouraged and will be judged accordingly.

All participating teachers will receive a \$25.00 Amazon gift certificate.

**Contest Guidelines:**

1. All entries must be students' original work. Any use of third-party works, such as poetry, song lyrics, or characters must have permission by the author, or students' submission will be disqualified. Recent published work cannot be submitted.
2. Students' entries cannot contain excessive profanity and inappropriate content. This will result in a disqualification. Judges do have the right to disqualify any written work for excessive profanity and inappropriate content. **NOTE: Teachers, please read the entries before submission.**
3. Entries must be portrait style, typewritten, single-spaced, Font (Times New Roman), and Font size (12) **or** handwritten clearly in **dark ink** on white paper. All other formats will be disqualified.
4. Students may turn in one entry per category; however, the same student can participate in multiple categories. Each entry must be uploaded in the correct folder in Google Drive.
5. Word Count for Third through twelfth **(3-12)** grade:
  - Short Story (500-2000 words)
  - Poetry (5-35 lines)
  - One-Act Play (1000-2000 words)
  - Songwriting (5-20 lines)

Word Count for Kindergarten through Second (**K-2**) grade:

- Short Story (50-100 words)
- Poetry (3-10 lines)
- One-Act Play (50-100 words)
- Songwriting (3-10 lines)

Songwriting must be accompanied with a recording of the song. Entries exceeding the word count will be disqualified. Type or write the approximate word count (counting every single word, **except** the title) at the top of the Signature and Cover Page.

6. Each entry **must be submitted electronically and must have a Signature Cover Page** with the title of the work, the student's full name, school name, grade, and an approximate word count. Every succeeding page must include the title and a page number. **NOTE:** Do not include the student's name and site on the succeeding pages to encourage fair judging, or student's work will be disqualified.
7. Please be aware that entries will not be returned after judging.
8. Community members and/or professional authors will judge entries. The decisions of the judges are final.
9. Teachers of the first, second, and third place winners will be individually notified of the results by e-mail.
10. **To upload your entry electronically, go to**  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1H98PSEBRHJijHP-hx-qDXEOGDz2FHsNu>

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