



# Junior Creative Writing

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Online Competition Only

The Creative Writing competition provides an opportunity for a student to use creative details through written expression as he/she interprets the prompt. A club may have only one entry. **A student may take only one Academic test to include Creative Writing, Poetry and Beta Spelling Bee.**

Time Limit: 90 Minutes

## Competition Guidelines

- 1 Students will have a ninety (90) minute time limit.
- 2 No pre-written materials allowed.
- 3 Each student may use a dictionary and/or thesaurus.
- 4 Writing prompt will be assigned at the beginning of the competition.
- 5 Completed piece must be at least 200 words, but no more than 500 words, which equates to 400-3000 characters.

## Educational Connections

- Information and Media Literacy
- Composition Writing and Journalism
- Written Communication
- Grammar
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

## How to Enter

- Visit [www.betaclub.org/registration](http://www.betaclub.org/registration) and follow directions.
- Register students and then select competitions to enter.
- Select the student that will participate in this competition.

## National Eligibility

*All Plaques Awarded at State Convention*

## Judging Criteria

<b>Creative Writing</b>	<b>16-20</b>	<b>11-15</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>1-5</b>
<b>Purpose and Focus</b>	The prompt is addressed with an excellent purpose and focus. Main ideas and supporting details are clear and well developed.	The prompt is addressed with a good purpose and focus. Main ideas are presented and supported by details that are developed.	The prompt is addressed with an average purpose and focus. Main ideas are presented and supported by average details.	The prompt is addressed with a minimal purpose and focus. Main ideas are unclear and supported by minimal details.
<b>Organization and Development</b>	The piece has an excellent beginning, middle, and end.	The piece has a good beginning, middle and end.	The piece has an average beginning, middle and end.	The piece has minimal evidence a good beginning, middle and end..
<b>Structure and Language</b>	Excellent use of vivid words and phrases that displays a command of figurative language. Excellent construction of	Good use of vivid words and phrases that displays a command of figurative language. Excellent construction of	Average use of vivid words and phrases that displays a command of figurative language. Excellent construction of	Minimal use of vivid words and phrases that displays a command of figurative language. Excellent construction of

	sentences with a varied structure and length appropriate to prompt.	sentences with a varied structure and length appropriate to prompt.	sentences with a varied structure and length appropriate to prompt.	sentences with a varied structure and length appropriate to prompt.
<b>Mechanics</b>	Excellent command of grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that results in no errors.	Good command of grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that results in no errors.	Average command of grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that results in no errors.	Minimal command of grammar, mechanics, and/or spelling that results in no errors.
<b>Overall Effectiveness</b>	Excellent effectiveness and maintains the reader's attention.	Good effectiveness and maintains the reader's attention.	Average effectiveness and maintains the reader's attention.	Minimal effectiveness and maintains the reader's attention.
<b>Deductions</b>	This will be taken one time by the coordinator.	<i>Did not follow competition guidelines -10</i>		

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