

## WRITE

An original story based on  
the theme:  
**LIGHT**

Any genre. Min 500 words,  
Max 1500 words.

## SUBMIT ENTRY

Complete form and upload  
your story on our website.

Deadline: October 15

[Stlwritersguild.org/young-writers-awards](http://Stlwritersguild.org/young-writers-awards)

## WINNERS ARE PUBLISHED IN AN ANTHOLOGY

Young Writers Collection  
Published in January.  
Book is priced as low as  
possible, and money earned  
is used for young writers  
programming.

# SLWG YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS

## FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

### 2023 THEME: **LIGHT**

Opens August 1, Deadline October 15

- No entry fee required
- Word count: Over 500 words, and a maximum of 1500 words
- Stories must be based on current year's theme: **LIGHT**
- Stories must be the original creative work of the writer submitting it
- Stories may be scary, adventurous, humorous, or just plain fun
- Stories will be judged based on originality, cohesiveness, spelling, punctuation, and grammar
- Do not include pictures with your story
- Do not write the young writer's name on the story pages
- Title should be different from the first line
- Multiple entries are allowed. Entries can be uploaded via an online form, or mailed via USPS
- Each entry should be typed using a standard 12-point black font. No fancy fonts or colored paper! Use black ink on white paper if handwritten – print neatly

**Eligibility:** Any young writer may enter who qualifies for the age group.

**Group: High School: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Academic year is defined by the school district in which the writer attends or the curriculum the writer studies in a home school setting as of Oct. 15 of the current year.

**To Enter:** Please visit <https://www.stlwritersguild.org/young-writers-awards>, fill out the online form, and upload the file to enter. File name should include title and author name: StoryTitle\_FirstNameLastName  
File types accepted for upload: PDF, .doc, .docx, .txt  
Entry & cover letter can be sent via USPS to: St. Louis Writers Guild, Attn: Young Writers Awards, P.O. Box 411757, St. Louis, MO, 63141

**Prize:** The winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & Honorable Mention) will be published in an anthology produced by St. Louis Writers Guild. They will be invited to read at a book party in January. No money will be paid. A print copy will be awarded to the winners. A recording may be made of the reading but will only be viewable to SLWG Members and Associate Members.

Throughout its history, St. Louis Writers Guild has encouraged writers of all ages. To inspire young writers and recognize excellence in creative writing, St. Louis Writers Guild created the Young Writers Awards in 2011.

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