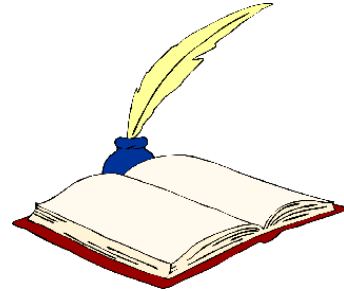


Gateway Reading Council
presents
Sonoma County's Young Writers'
Awards 2021



Dear Educators,

Please join the **Gateway Reading Council** in our efforts to recognize young authors and encourage schools to increase writing skills by participation in the 2021 Sonoma County's Young Writers' Awards Program. This year's awards ceremony will be a **virtual event** held on **Friday, May 14, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

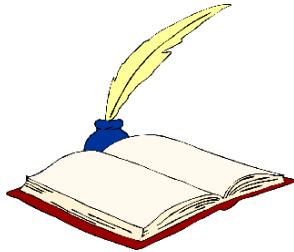
The Young Writers' awards program will begin at 4:00 p.m. with a welcome from Young Writers' Awards organizers Dr. Nancy Rogers-Zegarra and Marie Hinton. Young authors who wish to read their work before a small audience may do so from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. and will be assigned Zoom Breakout rooms. At 4:30 p.m. a children's author and illustrator will speak via Zoom and virtually present awards. The young authors, their parents, family, teachers and principals are invited to participate. Each student's award and copy of the digital anthology will be sent to the awardees school.

Directions for Participation:

- Each school in Sonoma County may submit the name of two student writers who have done an outstanding job of writing during the 2020-2021 school year. Individual schools set their own criteria, and select the students to represent their school. For Elementary students, usually one writer is selected from K-3 and one writer from grades 4-6.)
- Written works submitted by schools may be in any format, including picture books, poetry, editorials, essays, short stories, or plays but must be ORIGINAL student work. Dictated language stories are also welcome. Authors are encouraged to write in their native language.
- The authors may present their work at the **May 14, 2021** awards ceremony. The works will be made into a digital anthology and a certificate will be awarded to each author.
- Submit entries in Word or Google docs ONLY. NO handwritten, pdf or other formats will be accepted.
- Email entries and registration form to Nancy Rogers-Zegarra at nr729zeg@gmail.com by **April 16, 2021**.
- WORK SUBMITTED BY **April 16, 2021**, will be included in the Gateway anthology. Due to space limitations the anthology will not contain more than two, single-spaced, typewritten pages per author. If work is longer than this, a two page excerpt must

be submitted for the anthology.

- For more information, contact Nancy Rogers-Zegarra at nr729zeg@gmail.com.



2021 GATEWAY SONOMA COUNTY YOUNG WRITERS' AWARD REGISTRATION Form

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH STUDENT WORK by email to Nancy Rogers-Zegarra at nr729zeg@gmail.com. Deadline: April 16, 2021. No exceptions.

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AUTHOR'S NAME _____

GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____

SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____

TEACHER'S EMAIL _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME _____

PRINCIPAL'S EMAIL _____

SCHOOL'S PHONE NUMBER _____

STUDENT WILL ___ WILL NOT ___ READ HIS/HER WORK AT CEREMONY



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