

WITESOL Annual Writing and Art Contest 2019

Cash Prizes for WITESOL Members' Students

THEME: "Beautiful Wisconsin"

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ELECTRONIC FORMAT: We will continue with our electronic format for both submissions, judging and printing. Teachers will submit their entries via a form on our WITESOL website for essays and poetry, and through witesolcontest@gmail.com for art. This format helps us save on expenses.

RULES

1. Entrants: Only English Language Learners currently enrolled in a class or program taught by a teacher who is a current WITESOL member are eligible. Entrants must be enrolled in one of the following levels of education: primary (K-2), intermediate (grades 3-5), middle school (grades 6-8), high school (grades 9-12), or adult education (university, technical college or other ESL/literary program).
2. Format: Entries must be written in English. All entries must be typed. Each essay should have a title, a body of at least five sentences and a maximum of 350 words. Poetry can be up to one page, free verse or rhyme. Any form is acceptable for an art project (crayons, pencils, painting, photography, multimedia, etc.). It should be completed on an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper or a showcased by a photo that is that size. This year we are only able to accept digital photos of art entries. This means all art entries must either be in the format of a JPG, JPEG, or PNG. We are unable to accept PDFs or scanned files. Please do not have the student's name visible on the artwork.
3. Topic: The 2018-2019 contest theme is "Beautiful Wisconsin." Submission Process: Each teacher may submit a maximum of three writing pieces and three art pieces for each level. A separate entry form (found on WITESOL.com under "Awards and Contests") must accompany each essay and art project. Teachers will submit essays and poems individually through our website form, and art work will be submitted to this address: witesolcontest@gmail.com. Teachers should consult our website for specific directions about submitting artwork because both the electronic form and an email is needed in the art category.

DEADLINE: February 10, 2019

JUDGING

Teachers may make suggestions for improvement. However, the final essay or artwork should reflect the student's own best effort. A committee made up of WITESOL Executive Board

members and other member judges will make the final determination on work submitted. Essays and poetry will be judged on the basis of content, originality, organization and adherence to the rules of the contest. Artwork will be judged on the basis of content, originality and adherence to the rules of the contest.

AWARDS

A total of 15 prizes will be awarded for writing:

5 prizes of \$50 each (one first prize for each level)

5 prizes of \$30 each (one second prize for each level)

5 prizes of \$20 each (one third prize for each level)

A total of 6 prizes will be awarded for art:

1 prize of \$50 (grand prize winner)

5 prizes of \$30 each (one prize for each level)

We will publish all winners' work in an electronic booklet available on our website.

Note: Please write to witesolcontest@gmail.com if you have any problem or need help. We will work with you to ensure your students can participate.