



2023 Creative Writing Winners

Elementary and Junior High Short Story and Poetry

| NATIONAL WINNERS | | | | |
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| PLACE | ELEMENTARY | | JUNIOR HIGH | |
| | SHORT STORY | POETRY | SHORT STORY | POETRY |
| 1st | Eunice Heou – 6 Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy Fairfax Station, VA | Ian Bodwell – 6 Cathedral Baptist School Rockford, IL | Annika Daley – 8 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA | Gwendolyn Sheppard – 8 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA |
| 2nd | Jaleigh Kinard – 6 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC | Caleb Shivers – 6 Gloucester Co. Christian School Sewell, NJ | Miriam Magdut – 8 Logos Christian Academy Niles, IL | Abby Kipper – 7 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO |
| 3rd | Reagan Sichting – 6 Tabernacle Christian School Martinsville, IN | Clarissa Fluegge – 6 Temple Baptist School Herndon, VA | Piper Wetsell – 7 Jacksonville Christian Academy Jacksonville, AR | Addy Alexander – 7 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC |

| STATE WINNERS | | | | |
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| ALABAMA | Lily Kate Powell – 6 Cullman Christian School Cullman, AL | Kiersten McComb – 6 Trinity Christian Academy Oxford, AL | Emma Romano – 7 SMIC Academy Birmingham, AL | Will Hoy – 8 Victory Christian Academy Millbrook, AL |
| ARKANSAS | Willow Pointer – 6 Jacksonville Christian Academy Jacksonville, AR | Chandler Pointer – 5 Jacksonville Christian Academy Jacksonville, AR | Piper Wetsell – 7 Jacksonville Christian Academy Jacksonville, AR | Timothy Robinson – 7 Trinity Christian School Bradford, AR |
| CALIFORNIA | Emma Stevens – 6 Calvary Baptist Christian Academy American Canyon, CA | Samariah Leyva – 5 International Bible Baptist Acad. San Leandro, CA | Darren Ilan – 8 International Bible Baptist Acad. San Leandro, CA | Shelby Watson – 7 Ironwood Christian Academy Newberry Springs, CA |
| COLORADO | Parker Pfleiger – 5 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO | Rowan Jeffords – 4 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO | Kaden Pierce – 8 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO | Abby Kipper – 7 Front Range Baptist Academy Fort Collins, CO |
| FLORIDA | Sophie Smith – 5 Victory Christian Academy Jacksonville, FL | Chrislyn Stehl – 5 Providence Christian School Riverview, FL | Jayda Allen – 8 Victory Christian Academy Jacksonville, FL | Amber Kennedy – 7 Land O' Lakes Christian School Land O' Lakes, FL |
| GEORGIA | Kylee Norman – 6 Victory Baptist School Loganville, GA | NONE | NONE | NONE |
| ILLINOIS | Amie Tokarchuk – 6 Cathedral Baptist School Rockford, IL | Ian Bodwell – 6 Cathedral Baptist School Rockford, IL | Miriam Magdut – 8 Logos Christian Academy Niles, IL | Sarah Tenus – 7 Logos Christian Academy Niles, IL |
| INDIANA | Reagan Sichting – 6 Tabernacle Christian School Martinsville, IN | Kaitlyn Baldwin – 4 Colonial Christian School Indianapolis, IN | Cooper Hapner – 8 Indiana Christian Academy Anderson, IN | Emma Brooks – 8 Indiana Christian Academy Anderson, IN |
| MARYLAND | Eva Vidal – 5 Calvary Baptist Church Academy Glen Burnie, MD | Rebekah Miller – 6 Calvary Baptist Church Academy Glen Burnie, MD | Abigail Ramirez – 8 Frederick Christian Academy Frederick, MD | Leyla Burkhanova – 8 Harford Christian School Darlington, MD |

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| MISSOURI | NONE | Slava Axenov – 6 Maranatha Baptist Academy St. Robert, MO | NONE | NONE |
| NEW JERSEY | Rylee Verzella – 6 Solid Rock Christian School Berlin, NJ | Caleb Shivers – 6 Gloucester Co. Christian School Sewell, NJ | Jackson Perez – 8 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor, NJ | Morgan Daniels – 8 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor, NJ |
| NORTH CAROLINA | Eden Ray – 6 Wilmington Christian Academy Wilmington, NC | Riley Jarrett – 4 Faith Christian School Ramseur, NC | Brady Baldwin – 7 Gospel Light Christian School Walkertown, NC | Abbie Stell – 7 Gospel Light Christian School Walkertown, NC |
| OHIO | Emma Gingerich – 4 Carroll County Christian Academy Carrollton, OH | Sunny Lorenzen – 6 Ottawa Co. Christian Academy Oak Harbor, OH | Lillian Howard – 7 Temple Christian Academy Howard, OH | Ruby Henderson – 8 Ottawa Co. Christian Academy Oak Harbor, OH |
| OREGON/ WASHINGTON | Elina Romarniuc – 6 Cascade Vista Baptist School Kent, WA | Daniel Petrovskiy – 6 Bethel Baptist Christian School Spanaway, WA | Cadence Haynes – 7 Cascade Vista Baptist School Kent, WA | Alena Burlakov – 8 Cascade Vista Baptist School Kent, WA |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | Jaleigh Kinard – 6 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC | McKenna Cary – 6 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC | Grace Johnson – 7 Calvary Christian School Greer, SC | Addy Alexander – 7 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC |
| TEXAS | Josie Palmer – 6 Joshua Christian Academy Joshua, TX | Myles Johnson – 4 Capitol City Baptist School Austin, TX | Esther Golding – 7 Westside Baptist Academy Katy, TX | Alexis Molitor – 7 Temple Christian Academy Flower Mound, TX |
| VIRGINIA | Eunice Heou – 6 Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy Fairfax Station, VA | Clarissa Fluegge – 6 Temple Baptist School Herndon, VA | Annika Daley – 8 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA | Gwendolyn Sheppard – 8 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA |
| WEST VIRGINIA | Addison Reutzel – 6 Wood County Christian School Williamstown, WV | Bryce Handley – 5 Wood County Christian School Williamstown, WV | Maggie Mays – 7 Mercer Christian Academy Princeton, WV | Avery Rusk – 7 Wood County Christian School Williamstown, WV |
| WISCONSIN | Cash Bestul – 6 Waupaca Christian Academy Waupaca, WI | Derek Henning – 6 Mukwonago Baptist Academy Mukwonago, WI | Bethany Huffstutler – 8 Calvary Baptist Christian School Watertown, WI | Adeyle Schneider – 8 Liberty Christian School Chippewa Falls, WI |
| WYOMING | Zarah Jones – 4 Green River Christian Academy Green River, WY | NONE | Sadie Chappell – 7 Green River Christian Academy Green River, WY | NONE |

States not listed did not submit entries.