

## ESOL Creative Writing - Division 2

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**Arrival Date** - January 11, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in Arnold Hall.

**Release Date** - April 5, 2012 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in Arnold Hall.

**Group Entries** - Not Accepted

**Award Ceremony** - March 25, 2012 at 2:30 pm in Arnold Hall.

### Rules:

1. Open to all students in the ESOL program (Levels 1, 2, 3, 4) in grades K - 12.
2. An exhibit ID sticker/label must be attached to the BACK of each entry. To obtain these labels in advance, contact the Exhibits office at The Fair™ for the number of labels that will be needed for each entry. Please request only the amount needed. Since you do not pre-enter for this division, you will not receive any computer generated entry tags.
3. The student's name, school, grade and ESOL level must be written on the front of entry.
4. **Each exhibitor is limited to 1 class/type of entry.**
5. Each entry must be the original work of one individual.
6. Teachers: To submit entries, you must enclose the original copy of your Fair entry form with the students' names, listed in **ALPHABETICAL ORDER**. Place all entries and entry forms in a large manila envelope and clearly mark the name of the school, teacher, grade, number of entries and type(s) of entries enclosed on the outside of the envelope.
7. Entries must be legible, written or typed, **have only one poem or essay per page, one side only and mounted on construction paper**. Entries mounted on tag board will be disqualified. Do not fold entries.
8. Poetry (plus any art work) must be mounted to these size specifications: Haiku must be mounted on 6" x 9" construction paper. Free verse, rhymed verse, short stories & essays **MUST** be mounted on 8" x 10" construction paper.
9. **Limericks and Diamante MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED.**
10. Modeled entries must include a copy of the original poem attached to the back of the entry.
11. Acrostics (K-5 ONLY) and Haiku (K-5 ONLY) may be submitted by students.
12. Entries may be reproduced and used by the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition®. (Original entries will be returned).
13. Superintendents reserve the right to disqualify any entry which does not conform to the established rules.
14. Entries submitted by students in grades 4 - 12 must be typed.
15. **Teachers: Please proof read entries before submitting them. Excessive or distracting errors in spelling, punctuation, and/or grammar may result in disqualification or lower awards. Correct punctuation of dialogue in short stories is necessary.**
16. All ESOL Creative Writing entries and completed entry forms are due on the arrival date listed above.

**Class Descriptions:**

Class 201 - Level I Elementary K - 5  
 Class 202 - Level II Elementary K - 5  
 Class 203 - Level III Elementary K - 5  
 Class 204 - Level IV Elementary K - 5  
 Class 205 - Level I Middle School 6 - 8  
 Class 206 - Level II Middle School 6 - 8  
 Class 207 - Level III Middle School 6 - 8  
 Class 208 - Level IV Middle School 6 - 8  
 Class 209 - Level I High School 9 - 12  
 Class 210 - Level II High School 9 - 12  
 Class 211 - Level III High School 9 - 12  
 Class 212 - Level IV High School 9 - 12

**Types of Entries Accepted:*****Poetry – Free Verse (K-12)***

Does not have fixed meter or rhyming pattern. May NOT include novelty forms. **MUST** be mounted on 8" x 10" construction paper.

***Poetry – Haiku (K-5)***

Three line verse with 5-7-5 syllable count. Haiku **MUST** include picture signifying the scene for which the poem was written and **MUST** be mounted on 6" x 9" construction paper. Haiku should reflect insight or sensitivity to nature or natural phenomenon.

***Poetry – Rhymed Verse (K-12)***

Fixed metrical pattern; sonnets. **MUST** be mounted on 8" x 10" construction paper.

***Poetry - Acrostic (K-2)***

A poem or other writing in an alphabetic script, in which the first letter, syllable or word of each line, paragraph or other recurring feature in the text spells out another message. **MUST** be mounted on 8" x 10" construction paper.

***Poetry - Cinquain (3-5)***

5 Line verse, noun, 2 adjectives. 3 verbs (verbs must be matching tenses), synonym of noun, it must flow. **MUST** be mounted on 6" x 9" construction paper.

***Short Story (1-12)***

Entries are to be handwritten in grades 1 - 3 and to be typed in 4 - 12. It may not exceed 1 page, single spaced and on 1 side of standard typing paper. Staple the page to one sheet of construction paper. **MUST** be mounted on 8" x 10" construction paper.

***Essay – Creative Non-Fiction (4-12)***

The essay is an organized composition expressing a real life experience from a personal or limited viewpoint. It differs from a short story, which is fiction. Essays must be typed and may not exceed 1 page. **MUST** be mounted on 8" x 10" construction paper.

**Poetry Judging Criteria:**

Effective use of language, originality in approach, mood intensity, meaningful content, and poetry MUST have spiritual, emotional, or imaginative theme. See specifications in above Rules 7, 8, 10, and 15.

**Short Story/Essay Judging Criteria:**

Imaginative or innovative approach, unique development of character, setting and plot.

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**Premiums, Plaques and Trophies:**

Judges' Award.....	Rosette
Blue Ribbon .....	Fair Pen and Pencil Set
Red Ribbon .....	Fair Pen
White Ribbon .....	Ribbon
Yellow Ribbon .....	Ribbon

If there are no entries meeting the quality standards for any special awards, no award will be given.