

# Creative Writing (Junior)

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



## FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>MARIN COUNTY FAIR   FAIR OFFICE</b>	10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903
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<b>REGULAR OFFICE HOURS</b>	Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
<b>FAIR OFFICE HOURS</b>	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 8:00am to 8:00pm
<b>MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS</b>	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 11:00am to 11:00pm

## COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

### CREATIVE WRITING (JUNIOR)

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## COMPETITION CALENDAR

<b>ONLINE ENTRY FORMS DUE</b>	JUNE 15, 2025
<b>ENTRY RECEIVING &amp; DROP OFF</b>	JUNE 20 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM & JUNE 21 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
<b>ENTRY RELEASED</b>	JULY 7, 2025 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on [www.marinfair.org](http://www.marinfair.org).

## REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit [marin.fairwire.com/](http://marin.fairwire.com/)

# DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

*Local and State Rules govern this competition.*

1. **ELIGIBILITY** - California Exhibitors ages 5-18.
  - a. Writings previously shown at the Marin County Fair are not eligible.
  - b. All entries must be the original content and current work of the writer and created within the last two years.

## ENTRY INFORMATION

2. **ENTRY FEES** - Free
3. **ENTRY LIMIT** - 2 entries PER Exhibitor PER class
  - a. The same entry may not be entered in more than one class or division.
4. **IDENTIFICATION** - Entries **MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED** with Title, Exhibitor Name, Division/Class# on the back of the entry.
5. **ENTRY REMOVAL** - Accepted works shall not be removed from exhibition until the Fair closes.
6. **ENTRY RELEASE** - Entries must be picked up on release day. Entries will only be released by presenting your claim check, personal identification, or a signed letter of authorization from the exhibitor.
  - a. For teachers picking-up entries for a student(s) or class of students, please notify a member of Fair Staff during delivery.

## COMPETITION RULES

7. Entries must either be neatly mounted with a MAXIMUM SIZE of 9" x 11.5" or submitted in a folder.
  - a. Folders may or may not be included in the displays.
8. Entries may NOT be marked with grades or comments by teachers.
9. **SUBMISSIONS BY TEACHERS:** Entries submitted by teachers on behalf of their student(s) or class of students should also include the teacher's name and the name of the school on the back of entries.
  - a. A *Group Entry Form* is to be completed by the teacher (in place of individual Entry Forms per student). Please contact [fairexhibits@marincounty.org](mailto:fairexhibits@marincounty.org) for more information on *Group Entry*.

## PUBLICITY

10. The Marin County Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, website, or publicity purposes.

## LIABILITY

11. The County of Marin, Marin County Fair, and/or its contractors will not be responsible for loss or damage which may occur from any cause. Any entries received damaged will not be juried.
12. Work held more than 5-days after Release Date is Fair property and may be sold/donated to offset storage costs.

## SCORECARD

ORIGINALITY	25%
FORM	25%
STRUCTURE	25%
NEATNESS	25%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>

## DIVISIONS 355 - 358 | CREATIVE WRITING

*Entry Fee - FREE*

**DIVISION 355** | AGES 5 - 8

**DIVISION 356** | AGES 9 - 12

**DIVISION 357** | AGES 13 - 15

**DIVISION 358** | AGES 16 - 18

### CLASSES (Submission Categories)

1. Creative piece, any genre, about the oversized role insects play in ecology, about how such large issues rest on such tiny backs (1500-word limit)
2. Illustrated children's story where a bug is the main character (500-word limit)
3. Flash fiction about a "bug" in a system (1000-word limit)
4. Creative memoir of an insect's life (1000-word limit)
5. Short essay about something (or someone) that really "bugs" you (1000-word limit)
6. Short prose from the perspective of an insect or spider (1000-word limit)
7. Ode to an insect or spider
8. Poem in the voice of an insect or spider
9. Haiku, any subject

### AWARDS | DANISH SYSTEM | CREATIVE WRITING

*Offered per Class at the discretion of the Judges*

<b>FIRST PLACE</b>	RIBBON	<b>HONORABLE MENTION</b>	RIBBON
<b>SECOND PLACE</b>	RIBBON	<b>BEST OF DIVISION</b>	ROSETTE
<b>THIRD PLACE</b>	RIBBON		