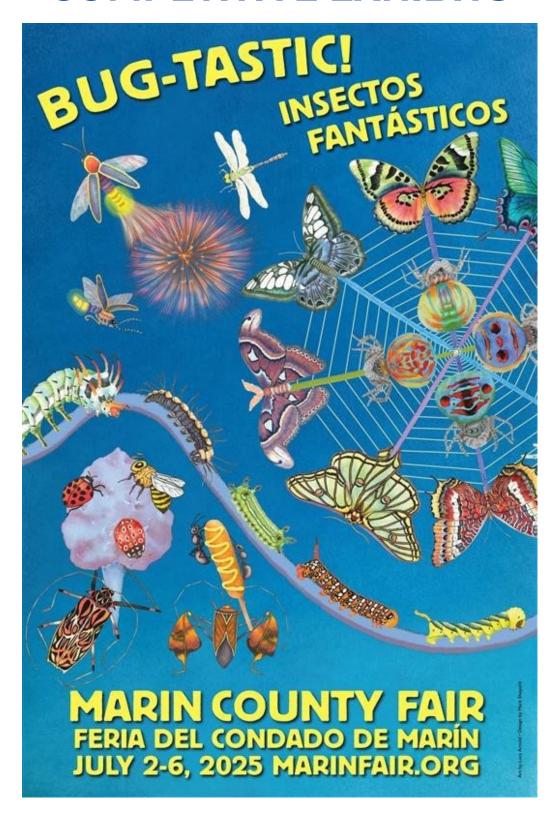
Creative Writing (Junior) COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS



FAIR CONTACT INFORMATION

MARIN COUNTY FAIR FAIR OFFICE	10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903	
WEBSITE	www.marinfair.org	
EMAIL	FairExhibits@MarinCounty.Gov	
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS	Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm	
FAIR OFFICE HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 8:00am to 8:00pm	
MARIN COUNTY FAIR HOURS	July 2 (Wednesday) to July 6 (Sunday): 11:00am to 11:00pm	

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS STAFF

CREATIVE WRITING (JUNIOR)

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS MANAGER	Jennifer Olvera
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DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR	Francesca Bell

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COMPETITION CALENDAR

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

The full Competitive Exhibits Calendar is available on www.marinfair.org.

REGISTRATION

To register for the 2025 Competitive Exhibits, please visit 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 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%
TOTAL:	100%

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

FIRST PLACE	RIBBON	HONORABLE MENTION	RIBBON
SECOND PLACE	RIBBON	BEST OF DIVISION	ROSETTE
THIRD PLACE	RIBBON		