



Cobb County School District Writing Fair

Student Guidelines One-Pager

WRITING TYPES

Unlike many writing competitions, Young Georgia Authors does not provide a prompt to which students must respond or provide any other boundaries to their genre choice or creativity beyond a 1900-word maximum length.

Entries may include:

- Short Stories
- Poetry
- Essays/Literary Criticism/Analysis
- Journalism
- Academic/Research Reports
- Personal Narratives
- Any Other Original Student Writing

GENERAL RULES

- Only the final copy of the piece needs to be submitted (not all drafts).
- Young Georgia Authors is a writing contest for individuals. Therefore, partner or group collaborations should not be submitted.
- Each entry must be the student's original work (this includes all edits, revisions, and publication) and must be typed or handwritten on 8.5x11 inch paper. **Print on one side of the paper only.**
- The maximum length of the original student work is 1900 words. **If your submission nears the 1900-word maximum, please include a word count.**
- Do not bind, make a cover for, decorate, laminate, or otherwise alter the original paper on which the entry is written. **Use paper clips or binder clips. Do not use staples.**
- If your piece is selected as your school's grade-level winner, you will be given a form that must be completed and signed by your parents giving permission for your piece to be entered in the county-level competition.