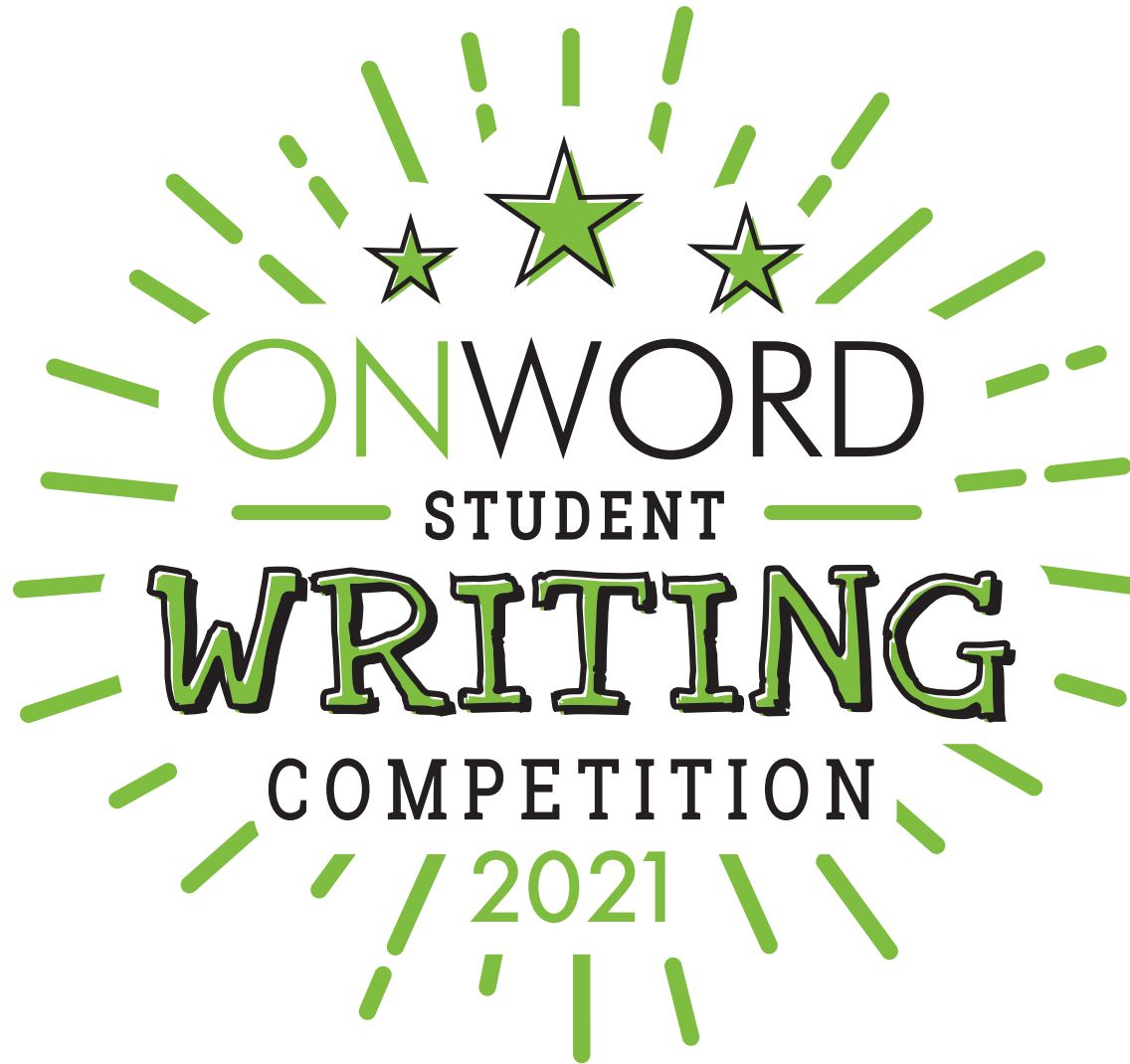




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STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

Writers and their work have been part of massive changes in our history. From Alexander Hamilton to Ida B. Wells, writers' works have a huge impact on how people see the world. For this Writing Competition, the American Writers Museum is inviting teachers to submit entries from their students on how they would use writing to create change they want to see in the world, and explore it in any form of writing that works for them: an essay, a short story, a poem, a play, a song.

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### PRIZES



The **2 winners** of the Elementary Grade category will receive **\$500**

The **2 winners** of the Middle School category will receive **\$1,000**

The **2 winners** of the High School category will receive **\$2,000**



### DEADLINE\*



## June 15, 2021

Winners will be notified by July 15, 2021. The 6 winners will be filmed reading their work and the videos will air at OnWord, the American Writers Museum's Annual Benefit, to be livestreamed on [www.AmericanWritersMuseum.org](http://www.AmericanWritersMuseum.org), YouTube and Facebook on August 31, 2021. View the recording of the OnWord 2020 winners at [www.youtube.com/AmericanWritersMuseum](https://www.youtube.com/AmericanWritersMuseum)

\*Deadline is at 11:59 PM CST, on the specified date

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### ★ CATEGORY SELECTION ★

Elementary Grade Level (Grades 3-5)

Middle School Grade Level (Grades 6-8)

High School Grade Level (Grades 9-12)

### ★ WORD COUNT ★

Between **200** and **1000** words

### ★ HOW TO ENTER ★

To enter the competition and access the teacher instructions and judging rubric for the OnWord Writing Competition,

please visit: [www.AmericanWritersMuseum.org/education](http://www.AmericanWritersMuseum.org/education)

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### RULES AND GUIDELINES



- ★ Only 3 entries per category from one school.
- ★ Teachers will be allowed to submit entries for multiple categories.
- ★ A school with K-8 students can submit 6 entries (3 for Elementary and 3 for Middle School).
- ★ A school that is a stand alone middle school, or a high school can submit only 3.
- ★ If multiple teachers in a school have their students compete, the school needs to pick the top 3 for the school.
- ★ Winners agree to be filmed reading their work and to be featured in a press release and on the American Writers Museum website.

Contact [education@americanwritersmuseum.org](mailto:education@americanwritersmuseum.org) with any questions



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OnWord, the American Writers Museum's annual benefit, raises funds to support the educational and cultural programming of the **American Writers Museum.**

For more information visit

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Sponsorship opportunities for OnWord and OnWord Writing Competition are available. Please contact Linda Dunlavy at

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