



KET announces winners of 2024 Young Writers Contest

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KET is pleased to announce the winners of the 2024 Young Writers Contest. The annual contest encourages creative expression and literacy development by inviting students in grades Pre-K through high school to submit original graphic novels, illustrated stories, poetry and short stories.

This year, KET received 1,443 entries from students across Kentucky.

The top three winners are listed below. Artwork from winning entries will be available for viewing at [KET.org/WritersContest](https://ket.org/WritersContest).

Poetry – Elementary Division

First place: Pippy Raymond, Tully Elementary, Louisville

Second place: Lily Terrell, Burgin Elementary, Danville

Third place: Harvey Stubbs, Homeschool, Richmond

Poetry – Middle Grades Division

First place: Ellias Pitmon, J Graham Brown School, Louisville

Second place: Sydney McIlwraith, Tastes Creek Middle School, Lexington

Third place: Ava Bogard, Calloway County Middle School, Murray

Poetry – High School Division

First place: Sophy Zhao, duPont Manual High School, Louisville

Second place: Esia West, Eastern High School, Louisville

Third place: Sylvia Freire, Eastern High School, Louisville

Graphic Novel

First place, Elementary Division: Ava Evans, Tully Elementary, Louisville

First place, Middle Grades Division: Lucie McCaffrey, SCAPA at Bluegrass, Lexington



First place, High School Division: Claire Higginbotham, Barren Academy of Virtual and Expanded Learning, Nicholasville

Illustrated Story – Early Childhood Division

First place: Hadiyah Gauhar, Chenoweth Elementary, Louisville

Second place: Grayson Stearns, Glenn Marshall Elementary, Richmond

Third place: Annelyse Buckley, Lexington Christian Academy, Lexington

Illustrated Story – Elementary Division

First place: Chloe Iranpour, Eastern Elementary, Georgetown

Second place: Gigi Blalock, W.R. McNeill Elementary School, Bowling Green

Third place: Maryam Gauhar, Greathouse Shryock Elementary, Louisville

Illustrated Story – Middle Grades Division

First place: Calvin Rittichier, Crosby Middle School, Louisville

Second place: Akshaya Majji, Crosby Middle School, Louisville

Third place: Harper Mohlman, Crosby Middle School, Louisville

Short Story – Early Grades Division

First place: Susannah Goodrich, Homeschool, Frankfort

Second place: Colton Knight, Wheeler Elementary, Louisville

Third place: Corabel Hewitt, Homeschool, Louisville

Short Story – Middle Grades Division

First place: Lucy Mudd, Grayson County Middle School, Leitchfield

Second place: Eden Potterton, SCAPA Bluegrass, Lexington

Third place: Ava Bogard, Calloway County Middle School, Murray

Short Story – High School Division

First place: Ella Clanton, Meade County High School, Brandenburg

Second place: Rylie Humphress, Lafayette High School, Lexington

Third place: Carmindy Phillips, Danville High School, Stanford



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