

WRITING CONTEST APPLICATION

Attention high school students in Waukegan, North Chicago, and Zion.

The Community Connection invites you to enter our Student Writing Contest.*

Hurry! Entries are accepted through March 18, 2016.

Poetry and Prose Awards Night is the week of April 18, 2016.

Two categories and six prizes:

Poetry: limit of 20 lines per poem

\$150 for best poem; \$100 for second-place poem; \$50 for third-place poem

Prose (Essay or Short Fiction): limit of 600 words per piece

\$150 for best piece of prose; \$100 for second-place prose; \$50 for third-place prose

Plus publication of the prize-winning pieces in *Tenth News* (an online newsletter)

All applicants receive a certificate of participation and an invitation to read at the 6th Annual Community Connection Poetry and Prose Awards Night, to be held one evening between the dates of April 18 and April 21, 2016. At that time the winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

Theme: Justice - Justice is defined as the quality of being just, impartial, or fair. Although often associated with the law, justice affects each of us—in our personal lives and in events on the world stage. “Justice is sweet and musical, but injustice is harsh and discordant.” Henry David Thoreau

How does justice inspire your story, essay, or poem?

Rules:

ONLY ORIGINAL, UNPUBLISHED WORK OF THE APPLICANT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES.

To enter this contest, you must be a high school student currently enrolled at one of the following communities' public or private schools: Waukegan, North Chicago, Zion.

An applicant may send up to three submissions. Each requires a separate Application.

All submissions must be typed. Prose submissions must be double-spaced. Manuscripts will not be returned. Keep a copy. Do not send your only copy.

Do not put your name or any contact information on your manuscript. Send it in with a signed application form.

All entries must be received by Friday, March 18, 2016.

Please turn the entries into your school representative.

**Community Connection* is the Waukegan office of the Tenth Congressional District Democrats, located at 118 N. Genesee Street. Our work is guided by the principle that politics should be about more than just elections. It should be about people working together to build stronger communities.

**2016 COMMUNITY CONNECTION
WRITING CONTEST APPLICATION FORM**

(Please print or type)

Your name:

Street address:

Email address:

Phone number:

School name:

Title of your submission:

Category: Poetry () Prose ()

To have a submission considered for a prize in the 2016 Community Connection Writing Contest, or for publication in the *Tenth News*, each applicant must agree to be bound by the following terms and affirm with a signature below the following statements:

I alone created the submitted work. I have not copied any part of it from the work of another.

I agree that, if my submitted work is approved for publication, the *Tenth News* may publish it, upload it into any website of the *Tenth News* (or the Illinois Tenth Congressional District Democrats) and promote it in any way.

I understand that my submission remains my property, even if published by the *Tenth News*.

I understand that (a) signing this form does not obligate the *Tenth News* to publish my submitted work, (b) if the *Tenth News* decides to publish my work, reproduction and other editorial decisions will be made by the *Tenth News* without further approval from me, and (c) I will not be paid for the publication of my submission.

I understand that in connection with this contest my photo may be taken, and I grant permission for my image to be published in the *Tenth News* or any other publication.

I hereby affirm that the statements made by me in this form are true, and I agree to the conditions and requirements stated above.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Age

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (if Applicant is under 18 years)