



Writing Competition

Entries for non-fiction writing must be emailed to aclaforensics@gmail.com by September 27. Follow guidelines below. Entry fee is \$15 per event. We will have three separate age groups. Elementary school will consist of grades 3-5, middle school will be grades 6-8, and grades 9-12 for high school.

- Entrants must register with their school or academy on forensicstournament.net in pattern C for non-fiction and fiction writing.
- Each entry must include a cover page containing the following:
 - Competitor's full name
 - Name of academy or school
 - Student's age group (Elementary, Middle, or High School)
 - Pattern C
 - The cover page should indicate whether the submission is fiction or non-fiction
- Academies/schools must email all entries at the same time and follow the payment instructions on the invitation.
- Each entry must be a separate attachment to the email.
- Word limit **not** to exceed
 - Elementary and middle school entries: 750 words
 - High school: 1000 words

Winners will be announced on September 30 at Orange Coast College at the CAL T1 awards ceremony.

Fiction

Competitors must submit an original fictional story about characters that follows the tournament's theme: "Empathy"

1. Originality (create a unique character/s)
2. Structure: Beginning, Climax, End
3. Language/Grammar
4. Tournament theme – "I'm doing me, you do you."

Non-Fiction

Competitors must submit an original, non-fictional argumentative essay exploring the statement in the writing prompt.

Writing prompt – Competitors must take an affirmative or negative stance on the writing prompt "Empathy is more important than logic."

Entries will be judged on:

1. Language/Grammar
2. Clear position – did the writer clearly answer the prompt?
3. Arguments (strength of the arguments and sources cited to back up reasoning)