



Writing Competition Guidelines

Entries for both events (fiction/non-fiction) must be emailed to ACLAForensics@gmail.com by May 14. Please follow guidelines below. Entry fee is \$10 per event. We will have one age group. Elementary school will consist of grades 3-5.

- Entrants must register with their school or academy on Forensictournament.net in pattern C.
 - <https://www.forensictournament.net/ACLAHeidemanInvitational/18/home/>
 - Each entry must include a cover page containing
 - ✓ Competitor's name
 - ✓ Name of school or academy
 - ✓ Student's age group (Elementary)
 - ✓ **Pattern C**
 - Academy/school must email all entries at the same time and follow the payment instructions on the invitation.
 - Each entry must be a separate attachment to one email.
 - Word limit not to exceed 750 words
- Winners will be announced on May 20 at the tournament awards ceremony.

Fiction

Competitors must submit an original fictional story about a character that follows the tournament's theme:
"Ready to Learn"

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Originality (create a unique character/s)
2. Structure: Beginning, Climax, End
3. Language/Grammar
4. Tournament theme – Does the story illustrate "Ready to Learn"

Non-Fiction

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

Writing prompt – Describe the "Ready to Learn" mindset and explain how one can achieve this frame of mind.

Entries will be judged on:

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