



The Metropolitan DC Chapter of The Links, Incorporated present

**The 36th Annual  
Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest**

Prizes	Prose & Poetry
1st	\$500
2nd	\$300
3rd	\$200

**Open to High School students in 9th through 12th grade**

**Contestants must submit original works on a subject of their choice in one or more of the following genres:**

- A. **Poetry** - Submission must include a collection of three poems OR  
B. **Prose** - Essays: Three pages maximum (**No research papers please!**)  
OR Short Stories: Five pages with a maximum word count of 750.

***Include a short thematic statement for each work of poetry or prose.***

**WORKS WITH PROFANITY OR SEXUAL CONTENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**\*\*\*Entry Deadline: February 16th, 2018\*\*\***

Email all entries to [stydc2017@gmail.com](mailto:stydc2017@gmail.com)

For details and additional information, contact The Metro DC Links at [stydc2017@gmail.com](mailto:stydc2017@gmail.com)





## **Metropolitan DC Chapter - Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest**

### **2018 Rules and Guidelines for High School Students**

1. Eligibility: High School Students in grades 9th through 12th.
2. Submission Deadline: **February 16, 2018 @ 8:00 PM.**
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5. **Instructions for completing entries:**
  - A. Submissions need to be in Word document format. PDF file preferred.
  - B. All pages of each electronic entry must be typed on standard Letter- 8 ½ x 11 paper with 12 point font size and Times New Roman font.
  - C. All “type” must be black. All prose entries should be doubled-spaced. Poetry entries may be single spaced.
  - D. Contestants name should be typed 1 ½ inch from the top right corner of each page.
  - E. Cover pages not required.
6. All entries must be submitted via email only to: [stydc2017@gmail.com](mailto:stydc2017@gmail.com)
7. Completed **Permission to Publish** and **Teacher Verification** Form **MUST** accompany each entry.
8. Keep a copy of your entry as entries will not be returned.

**Questions? Email: [stydc2017@gmail.com](mailto:stydc2017@gmail.com), Metropolitan DC Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**



## DR. JEAN MOSEE YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

### PERMISSION TO PUBLISH High School Students

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY**  
**Deadline February 16, 2018 @ 8:00 pm**

I do hereby give The Links, Incorporated the right to publish my submission of poetry or prose to the Young Writers Contest on the internet or in a copyright compilation published in book form. I hereby assign all publishing rights to The Links, Incorporated including all copyrights.

Title of Submitted Work(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Guardian's Consent**

I am the parent and/or the legal guardian of the above-named minor and hereby consent to the use of the submitted work as noted above. I affirm that I have the legal right to give such consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest**

### **TEACHER VERIFICATION FORM**

#### **High School Students**

**THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY**

**Deadline: February 16, 2018 @ 8:00 PM**

**Entry type: Prose \_\_\_\_\_ Poetry \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)**

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Submission(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**I, (Teacher's name)** \_\_\_\_\_ **verify that the**  
**submitted writing represents work that I know this student is capable of creating.**

**Teacher's Signature and Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Home Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **2018 Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest (YWC)**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Who is eligible to participate as a writer in the competition?**

The Dr. Jean Mosee YWC is open to both male and female students currently enrolled in Middle School (6th-8th grade) and High School (9th - 12th grade). Those under the age of eighteen will need the written permission of a parent or guardian to participate. All must submit a valid permission to publish document. Please note that there are slightly different rules and guidelines for High School students and Middle School students. Two packets have been distributed, one for High School and one for Middle School.

- **Who will judge the competition?**

The Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Inc. Services to Youth Facet will select judges. Submissions will be judged taking into account, among other things, creativity, clarity, originality, logical and effective organization, integrated main idea, and grammatical and structural correctness.

- **Who owns works submitted to the competition?**

The student retains ownership of his/her work(s).

- **Will there be awards for the winners?**

Yes, cash, tablets and other prizes will be offered to first, second and third places winners in the Middle School category (6th-8th) and in the High School category (9th-12th).

- **What will happen to writer submissions once they are presented to the YWC?**

All submissions will be reviewed by Links chapter members to ensure that all literary pieces conform to the stated guidelines. Those submissions that do conform to YWC requirements will be submitted to the panel of judges who will rate the submissions.

The three winning submissions from High School (9th-12th grades), and the three winning submissions from Middle School (6th-8th grade) will each earn prizes, receive a certificate of participation, and will be featured on the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Inc. website.

The High School winning submissions may also have a chance of being entered in The Links Eastern Area Young Master Writers Program competition where prizes are also awarded to the top three winners.

- **What is the timeline for submissions?**

For consideration, all submissions must be received by **8:00pm on Friday, February 16, 2018.**

- **Where should submissions be sent?**

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