



8th Annual Creative Writing Contest

Jubilee

FAIRFAX COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER – ARTS & LETTERS COMMITTEE

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated

Open to all Fairfax County High School Students (currently enrolled in grades 9-12)

Contest is now open until MARCH 31, 2023.

TOPIC: **JUBILEE**

Works that include strong sexual references, extreme violence, racism, and/or other content that is not appropriate for a mainstream literary audience are automatically disqualified. Subject matter that is positive, uplifting, and inspirational is encouraged.

Categories:

- **Poetry** (One poem of no more than 20 lines)
- **Songwriting** (One song of no more than 3 min.)
- **Spoken Word** (No more than 3 min.)
- **Short Story** (750 word min./1000 word max.)

Prizes: Submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$150 for first place, \$125 for second place, and \$100 for third place. Each winner will receive a cash prize and certificate of achievement. Winners will be announced and notified via e-mail.*

Selection Process: All works will be judged based on originality, creativity, and artistic quality as well as spelling and grammar. Works not meeting the requirements may be disqualified. The panel of judges consists of members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter. All decisions made by the judges are final.

— SUBMISSION GUIDELINES —

**Please read these guidelines carefully. Entries that do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.*

1. One (1) creative writing submission per person is allowed.
2. All entries must be previously unpublished online or in print and represent the author's original ideas, thoughts, and work.
3. Works must be intended for an audience composed of young adult readers, as opposed to works for children.
4. Use a standard font such as Times New Roman or Arial in 11 pt. black font color only.
5. If submitting an audio or video recording, submissions must be sent via e-mail as an attachment or link. Please include the written song lyrics, poetry or spoken word piece.
6. All written entries must include a cover page that has the title of your work, the category, your full name, grade, high school, phone number, and e-mail address. Each page (after the cover) must include the title of your work and a page number in the footer.
7. Submit all entries via e-mail to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org. The subject line should read: Creative Writing Contest.
8. Manuscripts/all submissions must be received via e-mail by **no later than 11:59 PM March 31, 2023.**

Copyrights: The author retains all copyrights to the submitted work. Winning works along with the author's name may appear on the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. website with the copyright notice intact and may be published in forthcoming newsletters as deemed appropriate by the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. By entering the contest, you consent to the publication of your work, if it is selected as a winning entry.

Privacy Policy: All contact information submitted is kept in confidence, used solely for notification purposes, and shall not be made public by the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will not lease, sell, or share personal information collected. Minors under 18 must have parental permission to enter the contest.



**Submission of an entry does not serve as a guarantee of future membership, and winning does not serve as an endorsement from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. or the Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter.*

Deadline:

Manuscripts, applications and permission to release forms must be received via e-mail at artsandletters@fcacdst.org by **no later than 11:59 PM MARCH 31, 2023.**

Fill out, sign and e-mail the form below to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org

****OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM****



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Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

English Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Permission to publish if chosen. The author retains all copyrights to the submitted work.

Mailed entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2023 and sent to:

Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

P.O. Box 222224 | Chantilly, VA 20153-1224

Inquiries and e-mail entries can be sent to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org