

# LACC English/ESL Department's 23rd Annual Writing Contest Guidelines



*Scholarship prizes will be awarded for the best 3 short stories and the best 3 poems!*

**Deadline for Submissions:** Tuesday, April 18th at 12pm

**Location:** English Department – LA City College  
JEFFERSON HALL ROOM 301 (front desk)

**Entrants may submit in the following categories:**

Short Story and/or Poetry

## Guidelines and Rules for Short Story Submissions:

- No previously published work, including self-published work, may be submitted.
- Short stories should be no longer than 15 double-spaced pages.
- There are no restrictions on the style or genre of the short story. **Note: Screenplays do not qualify as short stories.**
- Four copies of each story are required. **Please do not staple all of your stories together.** Only staple each short story individually if the story is more than a page.
- All submissions must be typed/word processed and double-spaced. Please use 12-point font.
- The author's name should not appear anywhere on the short story.
- The category of the submission should be clearly indicated on each page of the manuscript; i.e., "Short Story."
- Include **one** separate cover page for the submission with all of the short story titles listed (or first line of each story if there is no title). In addition, include the writer's name, address, telephone number, email address and Student ID#.
- All entrants **must submit** an official computer printout of their current class schedule **which proves they are currently enrolled at LACC for the Spring 2023 semester.** The entrant's name must appear on the printout, and the printout must be dated in the month of April. **Note: If you are also submitting for poetry, you only need one printout.**
- **Submissions will NOT be returned.**
- **Limit of three short story submissions per entrant.**
- **Anyone who does not meet the above guidelines is subject to disqualification.**

## Guidelines and Rules for Poetry Submissions:

- No previously published work, including self-published work, may be submitted.
- Poems should be no longer than 10 double-spaced pages.
- There are no restrictions on the style or genre of the poem.

- Five copies of each poem are required. **Please do not staple all of your poems together.** For example, if you submit 5 copies of one poem, please use a paper clip, not a staple. Only staple each poem individually if the poem is more than a page.
- All submissions must be typed/ word processed and double-spaced. Please use 12-point font.
- The author's name should not appear anywhere on the poem.
- The category of the submission should be clearly indicated on each page of the manuscript; i.e., "Poetry."
- Include **one** separate cover page for the submission with all of the poetry titles listed (or first line of each poem if there is no title). In addition, include the writer's name, address, telephone number, email address and Student ID#.
- All entrants must submit an official computer printout of their current class schedule which proves they are currently enrolled at LACC for the Spring 2023 semester. The entrant's name must appear on the printout, and the printout must be dated in the month of April. **Note: If you are also submitting for short story, you only need one printout.**
- **Submissions will NOT be returned.**
- **Limit of four poetry submissions per entrant.**
- **Anyone who does not meet the above guidelines is subject to disqualification.**

Winners will need to make arrangements to attend the English/ESL Awards Ceremony scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> in the Student Union Multipurpose Room.

**Good luck to all contestants!**

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