

**UNION LEAGUE CIVIC & ARTS FOUNDATION
CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION
2012 RULES**

The Union League Civic & Arts Foundation supports the creative writing efforts of young people by granting a total of up to \$13,800 in awards.

High School Division, Class of 2012 or younger:

SHORT STORY, CREATIVE NONFICTION, OR NOVEL EXCERPT:

First Place - \$500, Second Place - \$300, Third Place - \$200

POETRY: First Place - \$500, Second Place - \$300, Third Place - \$200

College Division, Ages 18 - 24 as of June 1, 2012:

SHORT STORY, CREATIVE NONFICTION, OR NOVEL EXCERPT:

First Place - \$1,200, Second Place - \$800, Third Place - \$600

POETRY: First Place - \$1,200, Second Place - \$800, Third Place - \$600

Young Adult Division, Ages 25-30 as of June 1, 2012:

SHORT STORY, CREATIVE NONFICTION, OR NOVEL EXCERPT:

First Place - \$1,500, Second Place - \$1,000, Third Place - \$800

POETRY: First Place, \$1,500, Second Place, \$1,000, Third Place, \$800

1. The submission must be an original work of creative writing— **a poem, a short story, novel excerpt, or work of creative nonfiction**. Novel excerpts should stand alone as self-contained fictional movements.
2. Each entrant is limited to and may not submit more than one piece.
3. Entrants must be living and or studying within a one hundred-miles radius of the Chicago Loop **or** students registered in an Illinois school within a one hundred-mile radius of the Chicago Loop.
4. The submission should be typed in Word format, in English in Times New Roman 12-point font, have reasonable margins and be double-spaced. **Poems** must be no less than 5 and no more than 100 lines, not counting title and spaces between stanzas. Poetry entries may be in any verse form, without restrictions on theme or style. **Stories, novel excerpts and works of creative non-fiction** should not exceed 6,000 words. **Submissions that exceed the line, word or page limit will be disqualified.**
5. The submission should be labeled as a poem, short story, novel excerpt, or work of creative non-fiction. Please include this on the submission itself.
6. Pages should be numbered consecutively in the upper right-hand corner. The title should appear on the top of each page. **The author's name and birth date should not appear anywhere on the submission.**

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7. We encourage applicants to submit their work online at www.civicanarts.org.
8. If necessary, applicants may mail their application and submission. Mailed submissions should include the following materials: five hard copies of the submission, a CD or flash drive with the submission in Word format, and an entry form.
 - Submissions will not be returned.
 - The author of any winning entry grants the Union League Civic & Arts Foundation a royalty-free right of electronic and printed publication on our website and any future anthologies. The author will retain full copyright to the work. Should we publish this material, we will provide each awardee with a copy of the publication either in print or electronically. Additional copies will be available for purchase.
 - The work of the winners may be published at our discretion. The Union League Civic & Arts Foundation reserves the right to edit entries that will be published. Entries that are extensively edited will be submitted to the author who may elect not to print the work in edited form.
 - Deadline (drop off, postmark, or electronic submission) for an entry is June 1, 2012. Materials can be sent or delivered to Anne Shea, Union League Civic & Arts Foundation, 65 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604-3598.
 - Competition results will be released (via email or letter) by October 2012.

See General Rules of the Foundation for more information.

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2012 ENTRY FORM

Please fill in the application according to the rules. You are encouraged to apply via CAF's website at www.civicanarts.org. If necessary, you may also mail your application to: Anne Shea, Union League Civic & Arts Foundation, 65 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604-3598. All applications must be postmarked or electronically submitted by June 1, 2012.

Please check the category under which you are entering:

High School Division, Class of 2012 or younger.

College Division, Ages 18-24 as of June 1, 2012.

Young Adult Division, Ages 25-30 as of June 1, 2012.

Please check the genre of your submission:

Poetry: Short Story: Novel Excerpt: Creative Non-Fiction:

Applicant:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Date of birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Permanent Address (if different from above):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

School:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Teacher:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of work submitted: _____

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Line Count (Poetry): _____ **Word Count (Prose):** _____

How did you hear about the contest? _____

I hereby certify that I am eligible to enter this contest according to the rules. I also certify that this is my own original work and that, to the best of my knowledge, the work does not infringe on any existing copyright, legal, or privacy rights of others. I give permission to The Union League Civic & Arts Foundation to publish and distribute my work (should it be selected) now and in the future. I understand that I will retain full copyright to my work. I certify that I have kept a copy of my submission for my own records.

Signature of entrant: _____ **Date:** _____

Did you remember? (Checklist for mailed submissions) Five hard copies? CD or flash drive with document in Word Format

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